

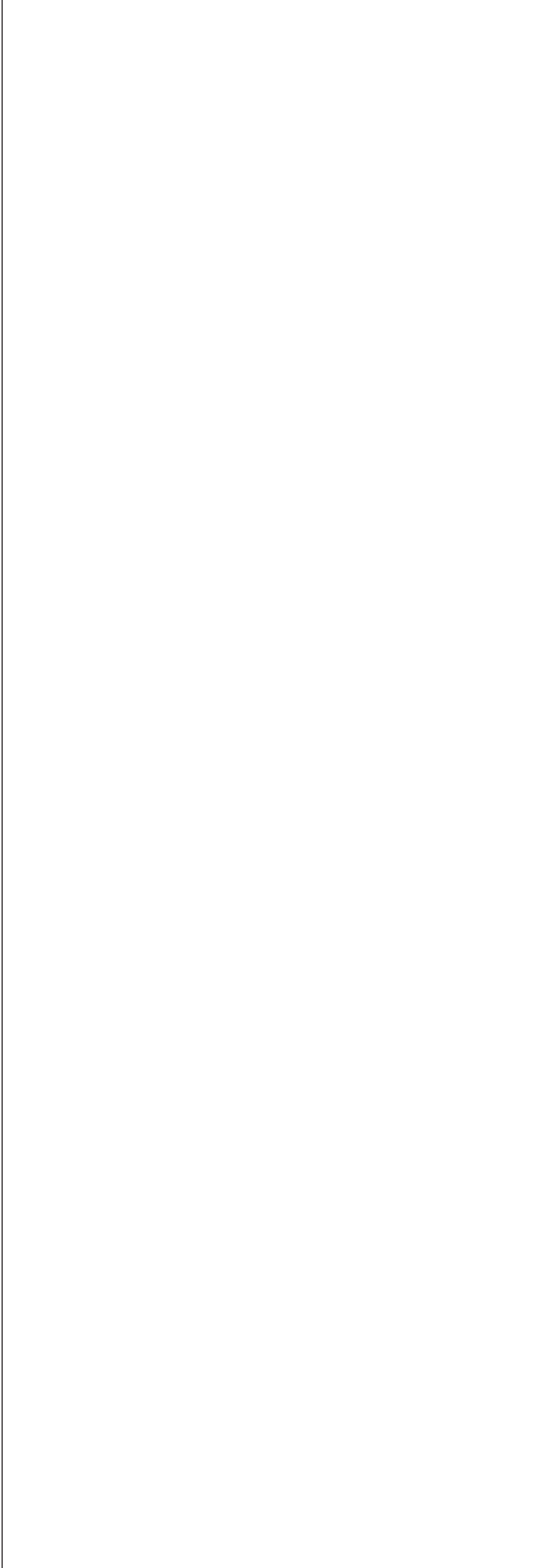
Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday

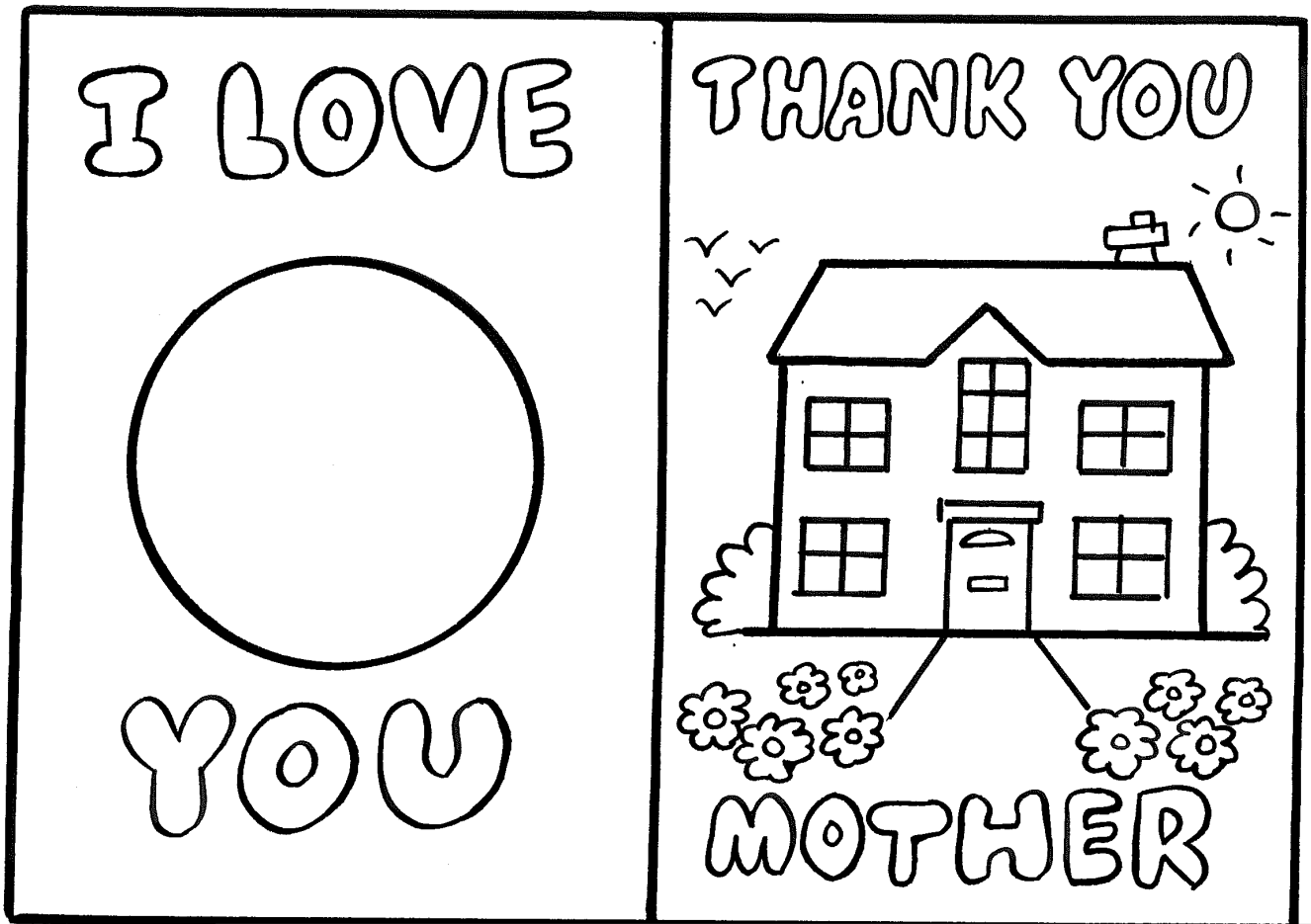
Readings

Exodus 2:1-10 or 1 Samuel 1:20-28
Psalm 34:11-20 or Psalm 127:1-4
2 Corinthians 1:3-7 or Colossians 3:12-17
Luke 2:33-35 or John 19:25b-27

Today is a day for the family to worship together, to rejoice in being a family and to give thanks for their mutual love. Involve as many of the children as possible in doing things. Let them bring up the bread and the wine, and take the collection. The children could carry banners expressing thanksgiving for the love of their homes and the love of God. Children could be encouraged to bring a photograph of their mother and bring it with them when they come to the altar rail. Let children lead some of the intercessions and some of the readings. It should be possible for a mother and a child to share in a reading. If flowers or cards are given out, remember all of us have a mother. Encourage all to come forward. Some may like to place their flowers or card near the candles if their mother has died and is now in God's kingdom and love.



Notes



Draw a picture of your mother

Colour the card and cut it out. Write your name inside. Give it to your mother.

For parents and children to pray together:



God, thank you for our home and all who love us. We pray especially today for our mother and our grandmothers. Amen