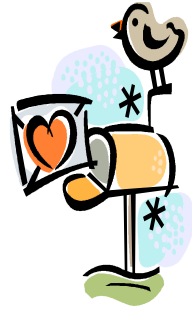


## Cards

Adapted from a program submitted by Mildred Rideout  
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### Pre-preparations:

- Collect various birthday card messages
- Ask several ladies to bring a special card for each of the card topics
- Various small gifts for prizes
- Ask someone to do a wedding vocal
- Prepare program outline in card-form

**Preparations:** Have each lady sign a business card and put their name in a box from which names will be drawn and prizes given out

### Birthday Cards:



**Reading:** Various Birthday Messages

**Birthday:** Whoever has a birthday on the day of or close to the time of this program, give them a gift.

**Sing:** *Happy Birthday*

**Special Card:** When each special card is read, pick a lady's name from the card box and give a prize (could be homemade cards, note cards)

### Valentine's Card:

**Chorus:** *My Jesus' love is fairer than the roses*

**Reading:** Select a devotional reading on the topic of God's love

**Special Card:** See instructions from previous special card



### Friendship Card:



**Poem:** *Everyone Needs Someone* Helen Steiner Rice

**Chorus:** *These are the friends (this is the day)*

**Special Card:** See previous instructions

**Easter Card:**

**Chorus:** *Lord, make Calvary real to me*

**Reading:** Select a devotional reading about the Cross

**Prayer:**



**Money Card:**



**Collection:** Take up collection; or collect money for buying cards for special occasions

**Card Game:** **How many different cards can you name**  
Give each lady paper and pen to make a list of the various types of cards that can be received/sent

**Wedding Card:**

**Reading:** *Love One Another, for Love is of God* Helen Steiner Rice

**Vocal Selection:**

**Special Card:** See previous instructions



**Mother's Day Card:**

**Poem:** *What is a Mother* Helen Steiner Rice

**Chorus:** *I am blessed, every day that I live I am blessed*

**Special Card:** See previous instructions



## Christmas Card:



**Read:** Luke 2: 1-20

**Song:** *Joy to the World the Lord is come*

**Special Card:** See previous instructions

## Thank You Card:

**Chorus:** *Jesus, we just want to thank you*

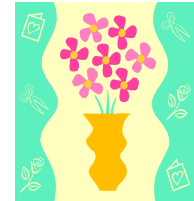
**Reading:** *Things to be Thankful For*

Helen Steiner Rice

**Prayer:**

### Card Game: Spell the Cards

All ladies are to stand in a circle; using the word 'cards' each lady is to say one letter; whoever says the letter 's' must sit down; keep repeating until one person remains; give that person a prize.



### Card Game: Surprise Cards

Give each lady a card. Inside you will have written something for each one to read or do (e.g.: joke, memory verse, sing a chorus, jumping jacks, or 'you won a prize'). When indicated, each lady is to do what is written on the card.



**Everyone Needs Someone**

Helen Steiner Rice

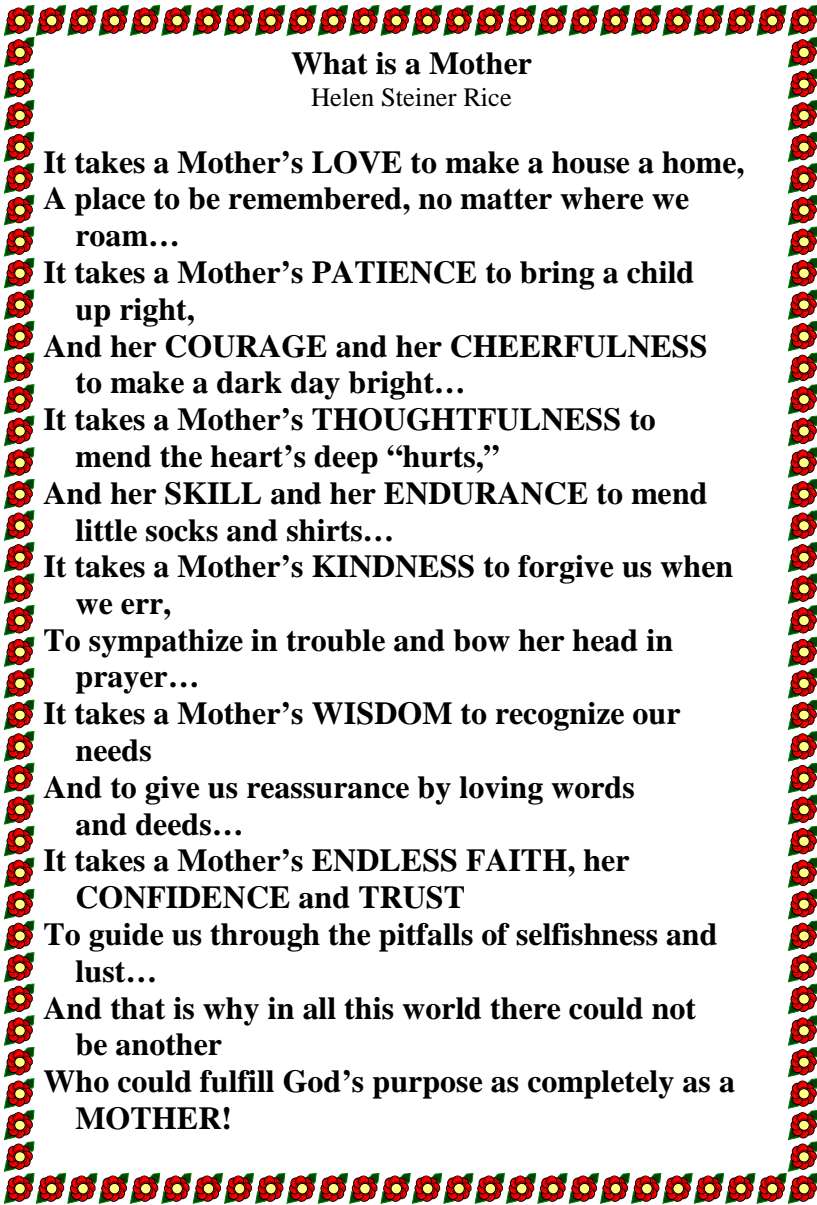
**People need people  
And friends need friends,  
And we all need love  
For a full life depends  
Not on vast riches  
Or great acclaim,  
Not on success  
Or on worldly fame,  
But just knowing  
That someone cares  
And holds us close  
In their thoughts and prayers—  
For only the knowledge  
That we're understood  
Makes everyday living  
Feel wonderfully good,  
And we rob ourselves  
Of life's greatest need  
When we lock up our hearts  
And fail to heed  
The outstretched hand  
Reaching to find  
A kindred spirit  
Whose heart and mind  
Are lonely and longing  
To somehow share  
Our joys and sorrows  
And to make us aware  
That life's completeness  
And richness depends  
On the things we share  
With our loved ones and friends.**



**What is Marriage?**

Helen Steiner Rice

**Marriage is the union  
Of two people in love,  
And love is sheer magic  
For it's woven of  
Gossamer dreams,  
Enchantingly real,  
That people in love  
Are privileged to feel—  
But the “exquisite ecstasy”  
That captures the heart  
Of two people in love  
Is just a small part  
Of the beauty and wonder  
And MIRACLE of  
The growth and fulfillment  
And evolvement of love—  
For only long years  
of living together  
And sharing and caring  
In all kinds of weather  
Both pleasure and pain,  
The glad and the sad,  
Teardrops and laughter,  
The good and the bad,  
Can add new dimensions  
And lift love above  
The rapturous ecstasies  
Of “falling in love”—  
For ecstasy passes  
But it is replaced  
By something much greater  
That cannot be defaced,  
For what was “in part”  
Has now “become whole”—  
For on the “wings of the flesh,”  
Love entered the “soul”!**



## What is a Mother

Helen Steiner Rice

It takes a Mother's **LOVE** to make a house a home,  
A place to be remembered, no matter where we  
roam...

It takes a Mother's **PATIENCE** to bring a child  
up right,

And her **COURAGE** and her **CHEERFULNESS**  
to make a dark day bright...

It takes a Mother's **THOUGHTFULNESS** to  
mend the heart's deep "hurts,"

And her **SKILL** and her **ENDURANCE** to mend  
little socks and shirts...

It takes a Mother's **KINDNESS** to forgive us when  
we err,

To sympathize in trouble and bow her head in  
prayer...

It takes a Mother's **WISDOM** to recognize our  
needs

And to give us reassurance by loving words  
and deeds...

It takes a Mother's **ENDLESS FAITH**, her  
**CONFIDENCE** and **TRUST**

To guide us through the pitfalls of selfishness and  
lust...

And that is why in all this world there could not  
be another

Who could fulfill God's purpose as completely as a  
**MOTHER!**



**Things to be Thankful For**

Helen Steiner Rice

The good, green earth beneath our feet,  
The air we breathe, the food we eat,  
Some work to do, a goal to win,  
A hidden longing deep within  
That spurs us on to bigger things  
And helps us meet what each day brings,  
All these things and many more  
Are things we should be thankful for...  
And most of all our thankful prayers  
Should rise to God because He cares!