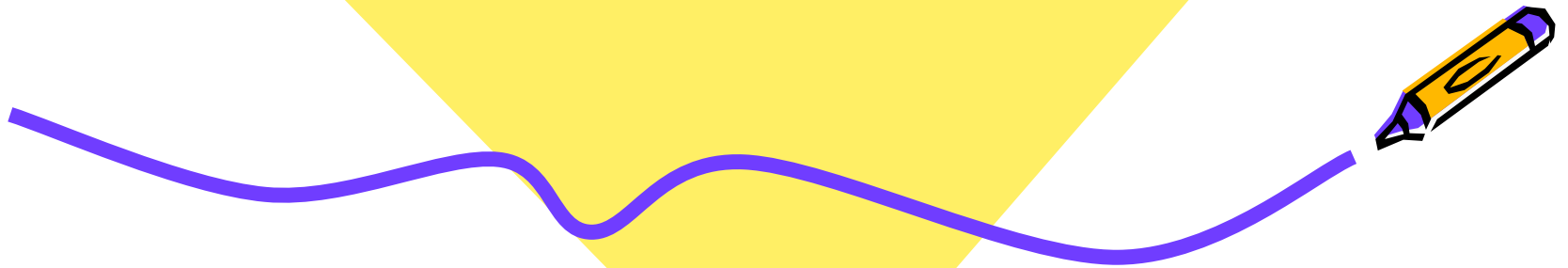




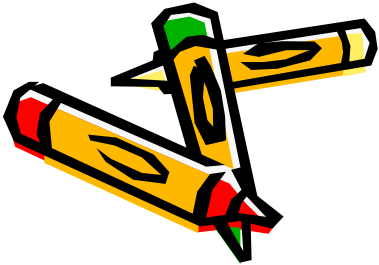
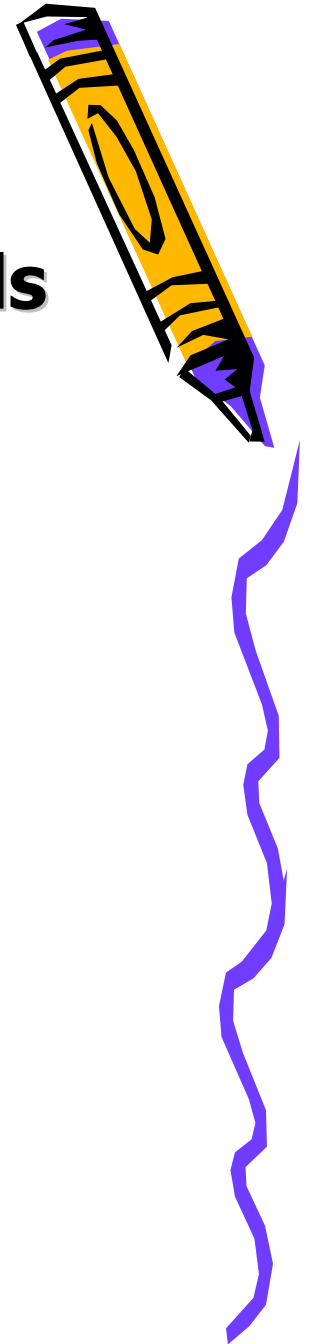
**Mother's Day**

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# Introduction

- **Prison: Mother's vs. Father's Day cards**
- **Difference starts early**
- **Boys vs. girls**
  - **Swords vs. dolls**
  - **Conquerors vs. Nurturers**
  - **Problem solver vs. relationship**
  - **Logic vs. emotion**
- **Men from Mars, Women from Venus**
- **Actually ... from one God**

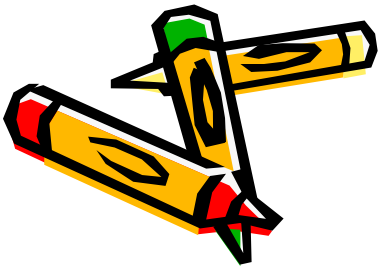


# Nature of God

- **Gen 1:27**

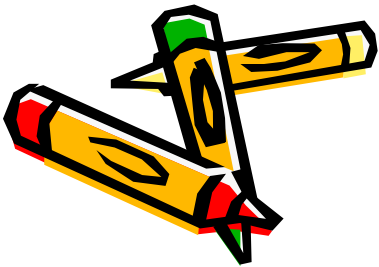
So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

- **Often talks about the “father” nature of God**
- **Today, we honor the “mothers” by looking at what Bible says about the “mother” nature of God**
- **Some characteristics of “mother”**



# The Womb & Birth

- **Eccl 11:5**  
...how the body is formed in a mother's womb..
- **Main difference between mother & father**
- **Starts at conception. Baby in womb.**
- **Mother provides nurturing environment**
  - No pain, no work, constant temp
  - No responsibility
  - Safe and growing environment
  - Totally dependent on mom
  - Attached physically & emotionally to mom
- **Includes step mothers... in a woman's nature**
  - **Labor & Birth**



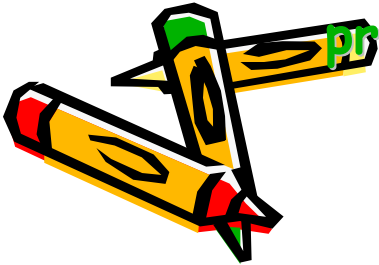
# Comparison to Mother

- In Bible those compared to a mother
- Paul, God, Jesus (1Thes 2:7, Is 66:13, Lk 13:34)

- **1 Thes 2:6-9 (Paul)**

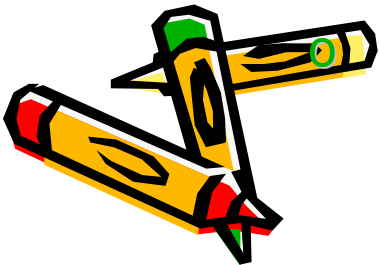
- **6We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else.**

As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, **7but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.** **8We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.** **9Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.**



# Char of Mother: Care

- **Like a mother caring for her children**
  - **1 Thes 2:6 – not looking for praise**
  - **1 Thes 2:7 – gentle**
  - **1 Thes 2:8 – love & share live**
  - **1 Thes 2:9 – toil, hardship, worked night & day**
  - **1 Thes 2:9 – preached the Gospel**
- **Children: How mom cares for us?**
  - **Feed us (Physical)**
  - **Teach us about Jesus (Spiritual)**
  - **Being nice to us (Emotional)**



# Char of Mother: Comfort

- **Is 66:12-13 - For this is what the LORD says:  
...As a mother comforts her child, so will I  
comfort you;**

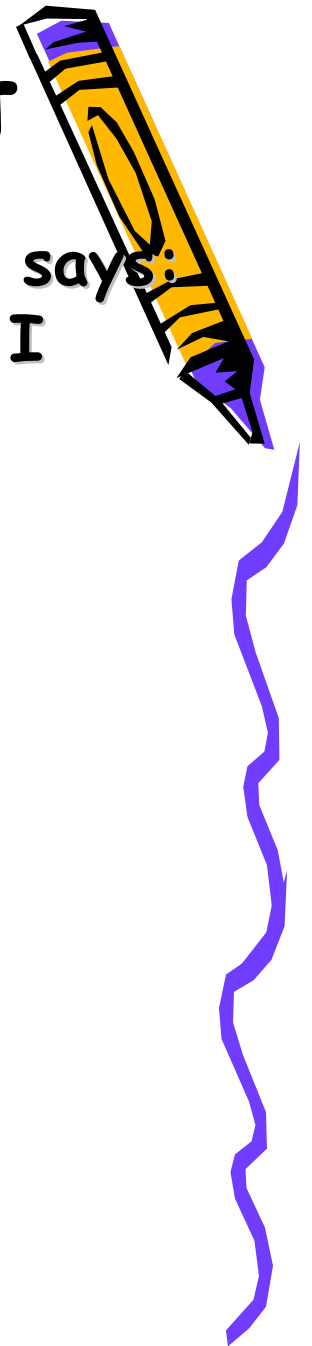
- **When?**

- **Hurting or in pain**

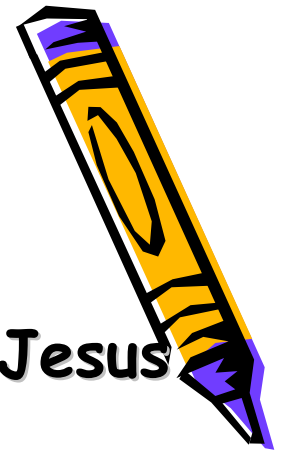
- **physical, emotional, or spiritual**

- **Sickness**

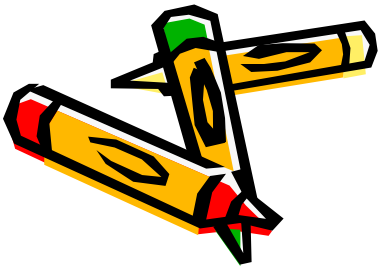
- **children's tendency to go to mom**



# Char: Protect & Love



- Luke 13:31-34 –
- 31 At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." 32 He replied, "Go tell that fox....
- 34 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!



# Char: Protect & Love

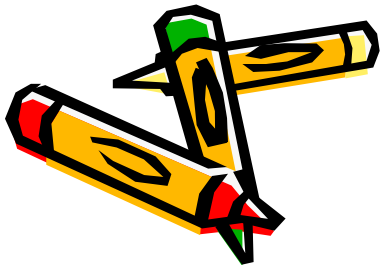
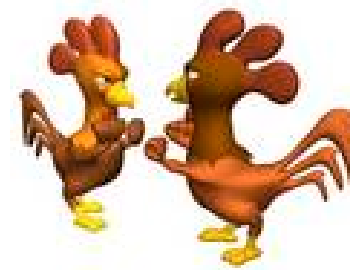
- Luke 13:31-34 –
- Herod the fox
- Jesus the hen

- Why not the rooster?

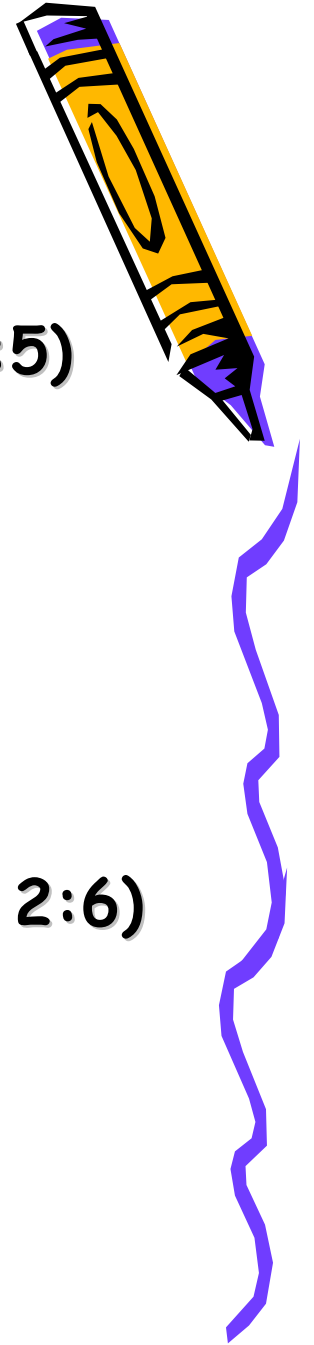
- Fight or flight
- One rooster for flock of hen

- Hen

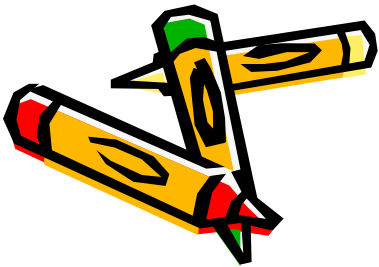
- Love & Protect
- Attacked all died



# Chars of Mothers



- **Honor our mothers today**
  - Provide an nurturing environment (Ecc 11:5)
  - Labor & Birth
  - Care (1 Thes 2:6-9)
  - Comfort (Is 66:13)
  - Love & Protect (Hen - Luke 13:34)
- **Without looking for praise from men (1Thes 2:6)**



# Discussion & Prayer

- Honor the "Mothers", including stepmoms...
- How can we pray for you?

