

## Mothers—and others—who serve

**D**ANDI DALEY MACKALL asked children some probing questions about their mothers and compiled them in *Kids Say the Cutest Things About Moms* (Honor Books, 1977). Here are a few examples.

*Why did God make mothers?*

Think about it. It was the best way to get more people.

*How did God make mothers?*

He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.

*Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?*

God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's moms like me.

*What ingredients are mothers made of?*

God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world—and one dab of mean.

*What kind of little girl was your mom?*

They say she used to be nice.

*How did your mom meet your dad?*

Mom was working in a store and dad was shoplifting.

*Who's the boss at your house?*

Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because Dad's such a goofball.

*What's the difference between moms and grandmas?*

You can always count on grandmothers for candy. Sometimes moms don't even have bread on them!

*Is anything about your mom perfect?*

Just her children.

Like these children, many of us have strong opinions about our mothers. I was raised by one of the world's greatest mothers. So were my three daughters. Thankfully, there's room enough in the "World's Greatest Mom" category so we can all think this way.

This issue of THE LOOKOUT honors mothers and all women who serve the Lord. Be sure to read Karen O'Connor's "The Hidden Power of True Service." As you read about women who have taken a stand for Jesus Christ, perhaps you'll

be challenged to follow their examples. In "Me? A Model?" Lanita Bradley Boyd considers the power of a mother's influence in a daughter's life. Cora Lee Pless looks back with gratitude in "Things My Daughter Said We Did Right," and Dawn Zywiec tells us what she has learned from a young mentor with cerebral palsy in "The Work of His Hands."

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