

# The Mom2Mom Times



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## A Note From Robyn:

Happy New Year to all you terrific Moms! It is hard to believe that a year has come and gone so fast. This past October my Benjamin turned 5 and I cried. It astounded me that I cried because I am usually pretty happy and excited when my boys begin new developmental milestones. What I have realized is that my sadness of him turning 5 had to do with the end of a stage of parenting – no going back to the world of babies and toddlers. The Jones family is forging ahead! And with that finality of a parenting stage I began to question did I do everything during these formative years to help him have confidence, to know he is loved, to be equipped for kindergarten, to be equipped to make friends, etc. All these “what ifs” began to form in my mind and in one brief moment of reflection, I cried. Have you been there and asked those questions?

I would like to encourage each of you to practice enjoying the moment, live and parent for today! A dear friend of mine who has grown children wrote these words to me in her Christmas card this year, “Those boys are precious! Love on them a lot – soon they are gone like mine.” So often when my children were little I was hoping for the day they would... *come off the bottle, feed themselves, walk, no longer need diapers, play by themselves for 15 minutes!* You know what I mean - the unspoken parenting checklist. And what I have realized is that I was so busy working toward a new goal in parenting that I often forgot to relish the moments or as a dear mom says it, “Marinate in it.”

I am not saying forget about the future, I am just asking that we place the future into the hands of God with prayer. When I think about my boys and their futures I am comforted by the promise in Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Not only is that promise for each of us moms, but it is for each of our children. As the New Year begins, let us commit to enjoy our moment of parenting and surrender our children's futures by praying for them daily.

*Father, I receive, welcome, and acknowledge each of my children as a delightful blessing from You. I speak Your blessings upon them and over them. Children, I bless you in the name of Jesus, proclaiming the blessings of God, my Redeemer, upon you. May He give you wisdom, a reverential fear of God, and a heart of love. May He create in you the desire to attend to His words, a willing and obedient heart that you may consent and submit to His sayings and walk in His ways. May your eyes look straight ahead with purpose for the future. May your tongue be as the pen of a ready writer, writing mercy and kindness upon the tablets of your heart. May you speak the truth in love. May your hands do the works of the Father; may your feet walk the paths which He has foreordained for you... I pray above all things that you may always prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers. In the name of Jesus, amen.*

*Taken from Prayers that Avail Much pg.217-218*

## Craft Corner: A Spend, Save, and Gift Bank

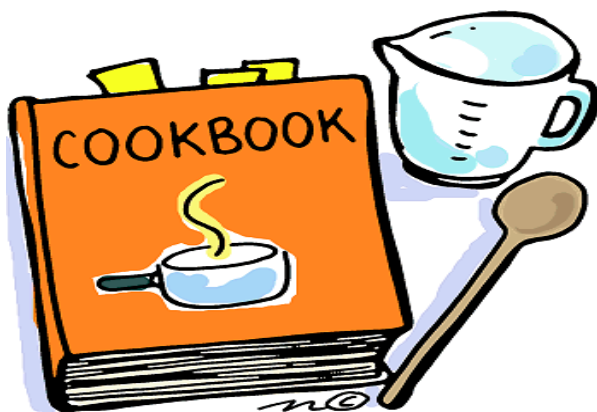


### Supplies:

- 1) tempura paint
- 2) one small shoebox
- 3) scotch tape
- 4) three empty baby food jars
- 5) sticker letters

### Directions:

- 1) Paint inside and outside of box
- 2) Arrange 3 jars inside box. Apply adhesive to bottom of jars if there is any wiggle room.
- 3) Put 3 equal-sized pieces of tape on top of box and using a knife, cut right on the edge of each piece of tape.
- 4) Add stickers & you're done!



## Christmas Morning Quiche By: Jennifer Boyles

For as long as I can remember, my mom has spent the morning of Christmas Eve preparing several quiches for my family to eat Christmas morning. Christmas morning is a time full of so much activity with opening presents and then having to get ready to go visit family, that preparing breakfast is the last thing on everyone's mind. Therefore, by making the quiche's the day before, all my mom (and now I) have to do Christmas morning is pop them in the oven to reheat and a tasty breakfast is ready to eat before we move on to the rest of the day's festivities. Quiche can obviously be eaten any time of year, but for my family, it's become a Christmas morning tradition.

The recipe my mom uses is from a McCall's cookbook from 1970s. Since everyone has different likes and dislikes, she always makes a variety of different quiches (ie., sausage and onion, bacon, broccoli, broccoli and onion, etc) Here's the tasty recipe:

### Quiche Lorraine

#### Ingredients:

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| 1 deep dish frozen pie crust | dash cayenne       |
| 1 cup grated Swiss cheese    | ¾ tsp. salt        |
| 4 eggs                       | dash pepper        |
| dash nutmeg                  | 2 cups light cream |
| dash sugar                   |                    |

#### Optional (cook and chop each prior to adding to pie crust)

- Onion
- Sausage
- Bacon
- Broccoli
- Whatever else you can think of!

#### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350F
2. Sauté onion in butter, brown sausage, cook bacon or whatever add-ins you like
3. Layer add-ins on bottom of pie crust
4. Sprinkle with cheese
5. Beat eggs with nutmeg, sugar, cayenne, salt, and pepper. Stir in cream. Pour into pie crust
6. Bake about 40 minutes, or until a knife inserted near center comes out clean.
7. Allow to cool some, then cover w/aluminum foil and put in refrigerator for the next morning
- 8.

#### In the morning:

1. Preheat oven to 350F
2. Reheat, covered, for about 30 - 40 min  
(You can also put single slices in the microwave and reheat that way)

# Think Spring!



## Tickle Your Funny Bone: Definitions Only Parents Understand

(<http://housekeeping.about.com>)

**Alien:** What mom would suspect had invaded her house if she spotted a child-sized creature cleaning up after itself.

**Bathroom:** A room used by the entire family, believed by all except mom to be self-cleaning.

**Carpet:** Expensive floor covering used to catch spills and clean mud off shoes.

**Hamper:** A wicker container with a lid, usually surrounded by, but not containing, dirty laundry.

**Ocean:** What the bathroom floor looks like after bath night for kids, assorted pets, two or three full-sized towels and several dozen toy boats, cars & animals

**Refrigerator:** Combination art gallery and air conditioner for the kitchen

**Sterilize:** What you do to your first baby's pacifier by boiling it and to your last baby's pacifier by blowing on it.

**Walls:** Complete set of drawing paper for kids that comes with every room

**Washing Machine:** Household appliance used to clean jeans, permanent markers, loose change, homework, tissues & wads of gum.

The Editor's Take on Spring Cleaning -by: Holly Folkening

I'll admit it: I used to love spring cleaning. When Andy & I bought our home in 2004, I made a six page list for cleaning the house to my standards. Every spring I would designate one Saturday as the kick-off to our cleaning extravaganza. Andy was a good sport, completing the outdoor tasks as well as working on his "man cave". I did the rest, from laundering the drapes to painting scratches on the walls. One month later, cleaning was done and I was content for another year.

I say that I used to enjoy spring cleaning-until I had kids. When my son was born in May 2008, I had just finished spring cleaning with a little help from my pregnancy (i.e., "nesting"). In Spring 2009, I found myself pregnant again and the six page list for spring cleaning was left untouched in a drawer. In 2010, with a newborn and toddler in tow, I had even less time and energy. However, in 2011, I'm determined to develop a new mindset on spring cleaning. Here is what I came up with:

- 1) ***I will set a realistic goal for cleaning-*** This year I'm going to focus on getting ONE room really clean. Maybe not my 33 item list for the living room but part of it.
- 2) ***I will reward myself when it's done-*** Incentives are helpful, at least in my eyes, when it comes to completing a task. Maybe I'll go treat myself to a fancy coffee drink or carve out an evening to read a book or meet up with a friend for dinner without the kiddos or husband.
- 3) ***Accept that my house may not be perfect for another 18 years or so-*** What's more important: having a clean house or the people that are in it? I think it's the latter.

While my issue for spring may be cleaning, isn't it great when we can each take time out to inventory some aspect of our lives? I challenge you today to think about, maybe not your living room, but something that you need to change your perspective on in the upcoming season. Share your thoughts with your spouse or trusted friend and put your ideas into action. You'll be amazed at what you can accomplish!

Thanks for taking this evolving journey on cleaning with me today.

# Celebrate Mom2Mom Birthdays!

**Tabitha King- January 7**  
**Robyn Jones- January 9**  
**Marti Gunnoe- January 15**  
**Holly Folkening- January 19**  
**Peggy Hewitt- January 25**  
**Jennifer Blevins- January 31**  
**Amanda Martin- March 26**  
**Jody Walker- April 7**  
**Melissa Gaylor-April 16**



## *Mom 2 Mom Time*

*Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Monday of the month*

*Brookhill Wesleyan Church*

*9:30-11:00 a.m.-Childcare is provided!*

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## *Other Events for Winter & Spring:*

*February 7– Valentines Craft*

*March 7– Kids Cove Outing at Thomas Road Baptist*

*April 4– Easter Egg hunt (Location TBA)*

*May 9- Fun day at Falling Creek Park*

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