



A Newsletter

Just For M.O.M.S.

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Something to Think About . . .



Babies Choice



Did you ever think, dear Mother
As the seeds of me you sowed,
As you breathed new life inside of me
And slowly watched me grow,
In all your dreams about me
When you planned me out so well,
When you couldn't wait to have me there
Inside your heart to dwell,
Did you ever think that maybe
I was planning for you too,
And choosing for my very own
A mother just like you?
A mother who smelled sweet and who
Had hands so creamy white,
A tender, loving creature
Who would soothe me in the night?
Did you ever think in all those days
While you were coming due,
That as you planned a life for me
I sought a life with you?
And now as I lay in your arms,
I wonder if you knew
While you were busy making me,
I was choosing you!

By Colleen M. Story
Chicken Soup for the Expectant Mother's Soul

We're on the Web!

See us at:

cornerstonecf.org
Select "Women's
Network" in the
Ministries section!



Operation Christmas Child

Join us this holiday season by supporting our outreach project this year with Operation Christmas Child. Each year, we join Samaritan's Purse in this wonderful program to collect shoe boxes, fill them with fun stuff for kids and donate them to be sent around the world. Operation Christmas Child takes these boxes to children in third world countries that rarely ever get anything for themselves. It is such a great joy to me and my family to pack these special boxes and know that we are helping to brighten another child's eyes at Christmas through not only the gifts in the box, but also by hearing the message of Jesus Christ. I love to get my children involved in choosing items for the boxes and packing them. It helps them to understand the importance of giving to others at Christmas. It is precious to me to see how excited they are to give a special gift to someone else.

To pack a shoe box:

- Ø Find a shoe box in good condition, or go to Target/Walmart/etc. and buy a plastic shoe box for about \$1 each.
- Ø Wrap the shoe box in wrapping paper, top and bottom separately (only if you wish). I prefer to line the inside of the clear plastic boxes with wrapping paper, decorative side out.
- Ø Fill as you wish. Fill with sundries such as bar soap (in a plastic bag), toothpaste, toothbrush, comb, washcloth, etc. Fill with school supplies such as pens/pencils, coloring books, pads of paper, solar calculators, stamps, etc. Fill with toys such as small cars, dolls, stuffed animals, harmonicas, yo-yos, jump ropes, slinky, etch-a-sketch, etc. And fill with other items such as hard candies, lollipops, mints, gum, flashlights with extra batteries, ball caps, socks, t-shirts, jewelry, watches, hair clips, books, etc. **Tip:** Go to the dollar and travel size sections at Target or to a dollar discount store. You can find lots of great items to include.
- Ø Do not include used items, war-related items, perishable foods, chocolate, liquids (including shampoo, lotion), medicines or breakable items.
- Ø Include a check payable to Samaritan's Purse for \$5 per shoe box to help with shipping costs. If you fill more than one shoe box, you can write one check for all and place inside one box.
- Ø Tape the boy/girl label on the front of the shoe box and mark the age of the child that should receive it.

If you would like to participate in this outreach project, please pack your shoebox and bring it to our November 7th meeting. The national collection week is November 14th – 21st. I will collect the boxes at MOMS and on Sunday, November 13th at Cornerstone to deliver them to the drop-off location. For questions about how to pack your box or about the program, contact me, Jennifer Acevedo, at 480.857.0875 or bjacevedo@cox.net. You can also get all the info at www.samaritanspurse.org by clicking on Operation Christmas Child. Thank you so much for spreading God's love during this special holiday season!

Caramel-Pecan Pie

Prep: 20 min., Bake: 38 min., Cook: 7 min.

1/2 (15-ounce) package refrigerated piecrusts
28 caramels
1/4 cup butter
1/4 cup water
3/4 cup sugar
2 large eggs
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup coarsely chopped pecans, toasted



Fit piecrust into a 9-inch pie plate according to package directions; fold edges under, and crimp. Prick bottom and sides of piecrust with a fork.

Bake piecrust at 400° for 6 to 8 minutes or until lightly browned; cool on wire rack.

Combine caramels, butter, and 1/4 cup water in large saucepan over medium heat. Cook, stirring constantly, 5 to 7 minutes or until caramels and butter are melted; remove from heat.

Stir together sugar and next 3 ingredients. Stir into caramel mixture until thoroughly combined. Stir in pecans. Pour into prepared crust.

Bake pie at 400° for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°, and bake 20 more minutes, shielding edges of crust with aluminum foil to prevent excessive browning.

Remove pie to a wire rack to cool. Top with Chocolate-Dipped Pecans, if desired.

End of the Year MOMS Lineup



Monday, November 7, 2005

TOPIC: Decorating Cents

The holidays are around the corner! Come and learn some "Decorating Cents" as we gear up for the holiday season.

Monday, December 5, 2005

Holiday Brunch and Ornament Exchange

Join us for our 3rd Annual Holiday brunch and ornament exchange. Bring a wrapped ornament and your appetite!

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