



The Word:

**He shall cover you with His feathers, and under His wings
you shall take refuge. Psalm 91:4**

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St. Patrick's Day

How do you celebrate St. Patrick's Day? Do you have a certain food your family has or something you do?

Please share with me at mrsmduncan@msn.com...

Website Blog and Forum

Don't forget to share your ideas on the website blog and forum. Spring is great opportunity to be outside with your kids and share God's marvelous works. Everything is new and fresh, a great time to try new things.

The robin is my favorite bird. With their cheery calls and their sprightly bob-bobbing dash for that fat dinner worm, these harbingers of spring never fail to remind me of how much my heavenly Father cares for me.

Carefully the female builds her sturdy nest of twigs and mud and lines it with soft grasses intertwined with string. Spinning round and round, she fashions a comfortable bowl-shaped home for her eggs. During the 12-14 days of incubation, she covers the eggs 50 minutes of every hour and throughout the night. The father faithfully supplies her food and later shares the burden of feeding their fledglings. Defensively he protects his little flock until they are able to survive on their own. This instinctive nurturing is but a small snapshot of the Father's unending compassionate care for you and me. You think you're toasty under your bedcovers? Have you ever nestled under the downy warmth of His feathers and sheltering wings during a stormy time in your life?

Perhaps you will soon give birth to your first child. The nursery has been thoughtfully prepared and stocked with necessities. You dream of counting toes and holding that snugly wrapped scrap of flesh and blood close to your heart. Treasure that God given instinct to caress your little one. Develop it and your child will thrive.

Ah, the magic of touch! Think for a moment how your day changes dramatically when an unforeseen blessing arrives. Someone reaching out from somewhere with something – an email message, an unexpected visitor or check, a tender moment with your husband, your child's wet kiss. And flowers – always. Your spirit soars and your step lightens. You might even be heard humming.

May the robin's cheery calls this spring be a reminder to let nothing keep you from nestling under the Father's wings. Anticipate a touch from Him daily. Your close relationship with God is key to being a nurturing mother. Guaranteed.

The Activity:

Spring is on its way. Is your family ready for spring? Here are a few ideas you might like to try adding to your yearly traditions. How about arranging a few little things around the house to add to the mood of spring. What do you have that is green? Don't feel you have to go out and buy anything new, you may be surprised what you already have on hand. Perhaps a green candle, a dish, potpourri, or a homemade quilted table runner could be displayed on your coffee table or kitchen table to add to the look of spring. On St. Patrick's day a couple of dots of green food coloring could be added to the mashed potatoes. Add it to the milk first then pour over the potatoes and mash in for the special day. Traditional Cornbeef and cabbage could round out the meal. Yum, Yum. Be sure that your children wear some green that day to school so they will not be pinched by class mates that can tend to be a tradition as well. A special pencil by their placemat in the morning to take to school would be a fun way to celebrate the day working in class as well. A mother so often is the one that steers the celebration of the holidays. I would love to hear from you by email how you celebrate St. Patrick's day. Do you share the shamrock illustration as an example of the Trinity? I look forward to hearing from you.... Have a blessed month...