

Bible Book of the Month—Lamentations

This book is a collection of five poems expressing deep sorrow about the destruction of Jerusalem. The poems, sometimes called laments, are presented as being spoken by the city of Jerusalem and by the writer, who is called “the prophet” in the CEV.

The prophet realized that Jerusalem was being punished because its people had sinned, but the suffering seemed greater than what their sins deserved. Still, there was hope. Someday, God would be merciful again if the people would give up their sins and turn back to him.

Then I remember something
That fills me with hope.
The Lord’s kindness never
fails!

If he had not been merciful,
we would have been destroyed.
The Lord can always be trusted
to show mercy each morn-
ing.

Deep in my heart I say,
“The Lord is all I need;
I can depend on him!”

A QUICK LOOK AT THIS BOOK

First Lament: Lonely Jerusalem

(1)

Second Lament: The Lord Was Like an Enemy

(2)

Third Lament: There Is Still Hope

(3)

Fourth Lament: The Punishment of Jerusalem

(4)

Fifth Lament: A Prayer for Mercy

(5)



A HEART FOR MOM

Show Mom how much you appreciate all she does for you with this “heartfelt” craft. Give it to her on Mother’s Day.

What you need:

- Floral stem wire
- Dried cranberries (about 100, depending on the wire’s length)
- Pliers
- Decorative ribbon (about 12 inches for each craft)
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Hole punch
- Crayons or markers

What you do:

1. With an adult’s help, thread cranberries, one at a time with no space between them, onto the straight wire.
2. Bend the wire into a heart shape.
3. With pliers, twist the wire together at the top of the heart.
4. Tie ribbon to make a loop atop the heart (so your mom can hang it up).
5. Fold the paper into a card, and write a message of love and gratitude to your mom. You might want to add a verse from Proverbs 31 that best describes her.
6. Punch a hole in the card. Attach it to the ribbon that’s tied to the heart.