

Apron Theme – Once Upon an Apron

DEVOTIONAL/LESSON STARTERS & WORKSHOP IDEAS

Add in your own points, illustrations, explanations, and relating Bible verses.

Starched Aprons for Serving

- Aprons have long been worn by maids and servers. It's not just worn to keep the person tidy and to keep spills of the person wearing it, but it is also put on to be presentable for serving guests. It made the server tidy and neat.
- What about us as Christian women? What do we throw on to serve others?
- Is our "apron" starched with God's Word and prayer? It will be the only way to stay prepared to serve all throughout the day.
- What do we throw on to serve others?
 - A pleasing smile?
 - An upbeat attitude?
 - A compassionate heart?

It's a Cover Up!

- A aprons main job is to cover and protect.
- How do you serve as an apron? Would you make a good one?
- Do you cover others with your love?
- Do you cover others with your kindness?
- Do you cover others with your support?
- Do you cover others with your prayer?
- Do you cover others with your joy?
- "Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins". 1 Peter 5:8
- God covered us with His love (John 3:16).
- Christ covers us with His blood and blots out our sins.
- For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. Matthew 26:28

APRON (acrostic) --Apply Prayer Regularly on Needs

- Like an apron...Prayer protects us from sin pouring into our lives.
- Like an apron...Prayer helps guard our hearts.
- Like an apron...Prayer is a place to store things (like apron pockets). It is a place to give things over to the Lord and allow Him to hold them for us. We won't have to worry about them anymore.
- Like an apron...Prayer will help us be prepared for work. Donning prayer will help keep us serious about working for Christ. It makes us ready for the day. It prepares our hearts to do God's will.

What's Tied To Your Strings?

- What's holding you back from doing what God wants you to do and from living the Christian life?
- Are there worries, doubts, etc. that keep you from moving about and getting your work done?

Mother's Apron Strings

- Instilling things to "hold on to" for your children
 - Teaching them godly character traits.
 - Teaching them memory verses.
 - Teaching them godly principles.
 - Teaching them Bible Stories to remember.

Aprons, Recipes, and Tablecloths

- Aprons
 - They are all about protection.
 - Pray for children and family
- Recipes
 - They are all about the ingredients.
 - Read the Word. Best ingredients ever!

- Finding what we need for nourishment.
- Tablecloths
 - They are all about being prepared to serve.
 - Get on board to serve others.

Apron Acrostic (Thanks to Mavis for submitting this devotional acrostic for us)

"What's in Your Apron Pockets?"

- "A" is for ATTITUDE ---1 Peter 3:8 "P" is for PATIENCE --- Romans 8:24-25
- "R" is for RESPONSIBILITY ---Galatians 6:4-5
- "O" is for OPPORTUNITIES ---Ephesians 3:7
- "N" is for NEEDS ---Proverbs 30:8

The Use of Aprons

- Wiping things (Having a clean life)
- Pockets for holding things (what things to you hold on to---or hold dear?)
- Protection (What do we have in place to protect us as a Christian or analogy of God's protection)
- Prepares us for work (are we prepared to share God's Word and God's love?)

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