

A Gift for Mama

(A play for Mother's Day)

SPECIFIC VOCABULARY:

family, purse, love, dog, boy, girl, sister, brother, gift, three, mother, surprise

TEACHER:

Practice the "th" sound:

three, mother, Samantha, Timothy,

brother, thought.

SETTING:

a living room in a home of the characters

outside the home in the garden

CHARACTERS:

Narrator, Samantha, Timothy, Mother, Junior

(a German Shepherd dog)

THE PLAY:

NARRATOR: It is two weeks before Mother's Day. Samantha and Tim, her brother, are talking with each other.

SAMANTHA: Mother's Day will be in two weeks, Tim. What gift can we give to Mother?

TIM: I don't know. Let's ask Junior.

Hey, Junior, what would Mama like for a gift?

JUNIOR: WOOF, WOOF, WOOF....

SAMANTHA: You are so silly. Dogs don't talk.

TIM: Yes, they do. Junior, what did you say? Tell me again.

JUNIOR: WOOF, WOOF, WOOF....

TIM: See, Samantha... Junior spoke..... in dog talk.

SAMANTHA: Yes, but what does it mean?

Let's go ask Mama what she wants for a Mother's Day gift..

BOTH CHILDREN: MAMA! MAMA! (Mother walks quickly into the room.)

MOTHER: Is something wrong, Samantha and Timothy?

BOTH CHILDREN: We want to know what gift you want for Mother's Day.

MOTHER: Hmm... Let me think for a minute. Hmmmm... I know
what I would like!

BOTH CHILDREN: What? Tell us, please!

MOTHER: I would love something that you make with your own hands.

SAMANTHA: But, like what, Mama. Give us an idea.

MOTHER: No, you need to decide for yourselves. I like surprises.

NARRATOR: Samantha and Tim went outside to sit with Junior and to think.

BOTH CHILDREN: What can we make? What can we make?

JUNIOR: WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

NARRATOR: The two children, with their dog, Junior, sat, and sat, and thought, and thought.

SAMANTHA: I have a great idea, Tim!

TIM: What is it?

SAMANTHA: Why don't we make Mama a cute little purse out of paper?

TIM: What will she do with a paper purse? That's a silly idea!

SAMANTHA: It will not be just an ordinary purse. It will be a special purse with a special note inside.

TIM: What kind of a note?

SAMANTHA: A note with the best words a mother wants to hear.

TIM: Mama said that anything made with love is a great gift.

SAMANTHA: We will make a paper purse, and put a note inside that we write with gold or silver ink.

TIM: What will we write on the note?

SAMANTHA: The nicest three words in English.....

TIM: What words ?

SAMANTHA: I LOVE YOU.

JUNIOR: WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

TIM: Did you listen, Samantha? Junior just barked "I LOVE YOU."

NARRATOR: Tim and Samantha worked quietly. When they were done making the purse, they took a pen with gold ink, and two pieces of paper that they cut into two heart shapes. On one heart Samantha wrote: "I LOVE YOU, MAMA, Love, Samantha". On the other heart Tim wrote: "I LOVE YOU MAMA, Love, Tim."

SAMANTHA: Let's put these away until Mother's Day, Tim.

TIM: OK. Samantha.

NARRATOR: The two weeks flew quickly. On Mother's Day, Mother received the little paper purse her children made. She was so happy when she saw the two notes inside.

MOTHER: I love you, too, Samantha and Tim. This is the best gift I could ever receive!

JUNIOR: WOOF! WOOF! WOOF!

I LOVE YOU ALL!

TIM: I told you Junior could talk!

EVERYONE: (LAUGHING...)