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Activities Dialogues /monologues: 1、 It is a far different world today than it was last Memorial Day, and what a year ago would have been perceived perhaps as an inconvenience is now being embraced as extra security checks. 2、 Where is the blessing in giving away something I would like to keep for myself? 3、 We have each helped in a different aspect as schedules and talents allowed. 4、 School children blitz the community asking for canned contributions. 5、 The guided working weekends and the guided working holidays. 6、 But Foot Trails specializes in offering gentle paced, soft guided walking so you will feel relaxed and refreshed, definitely not exhausted. Passage: The Story of Mother ' s day The earliest Mother ' s Day celebrations can be traced back to the spring celebrations of ancient Greece in honor of Rhea, the Mother of the Gods. During the 1600 ' s, England celebrated a day called " Mothering Sunday " . Celebrated on the 4th Sunday of lent, " Mothering Sunday " honored the mothers of England. During this time many of the England ' s poor worked as servants for the wealthy. As most jobs were located far from their homes, the servants would live at the houses of their employees. On Mothering Sunday the servants would have the day off and were encouraged to return home and spend the day with their mothers. A special cake, called the mothering cake, was often brought along to provide a festive touch. As Christianity

spread throughout Europe the celebration changed to honor the “ Mother Church ” the spiritual power that gave them life and protected them from harm. Over time the church festival blended with the Mothering Sunday celebration. People began honoring their mothers as well as the church. In the United States Mother ’ s Day was first suggested in 1872 by Julia Ward Howe as a day dedicated to peace. Ms. Howe would hold organized Mother ’ s Day meetings in Boston every year. In 1907 Ana Jarvis, from Philadelphia, began a campaign to establish a national Mother ’ s day. Ms. Jarvis persuaded her mother ’ s church in Grafton, West Virginia to celebrate Mother ’ s Day on the second anniversary of her mother ’ s death, the second Sunday of May. By the next year Mother ’ s Day was also celebrated in Philadelphia. Ms. Jarvis and her supporters began to write to ministers, businessmen, and politicians in their quest to establish a national Mother ’ s Day. It was successful as by 1911 Mother ’ s Day was celebrated in almost every state. President Woodrow Wilson, in 1914, made the official announcement proclaiming Mother ’ s Day as a national holiday that was to be held each year on the second Sunday of May. While many countries of the world celebrate their own Mother ’ s Day at different times throughout the year, there are some countries such as Denmark, Finland, Italy, Turkey, Australia, and Belgium which also celebrate Mother ’ s Day on the second Sunday of May.

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