

LOVELY LADY BUG LUNCHEON

Where Womanhood & Femininity are Celebrated

Two weeks before pass out the baby picture reminder cards and then secretly call the parents to fill in their full name, birth date, birthplace & a feminine quality.

That evening have a lacy tablecloth and flowers on the table with the ladybug decorations.

Setup a garden arch or drape a doorway with white tulle & white lights to be used as a *grand entrance*.



Collect the YW baby pictures & place them on a table with a # on a sticky note below. Then have a leader fill in an answer sheet with names of the young women by the #s. Pass out a numbered piece of paper to each young woman and have her guess names.

Later have the young women pickup their baby picture & by number order send each girl one at a time out into the hallway to walk in for her *grand entrance and announcement*. Play music CD softly.....

While each young woman walks in one at a time holding her baby picture posing like in a pageant, present each girl like at a Debutant Ball slowly and gracefully by announcing their full name Miss....., announce their birthday, birth place And 1 nurturing or femininity fact about them from the 'Lovely Ladybug Notes'.

Finally all girls in a line like a pageant now explain to the girls that their family thought that they were the most beautiful little girls in the world and felt so blessed to bring them into their homes. Heavenly Father sent us as beautiful baby GIRLS into the world at this time because he knows us so well. Have YW sit down.

TALK: The Joy of Womanhood

LADYBUG CHARM CRAFT:



Have girls string onto the jute their glass ladybug bead. Available from Oriental Trading
Now have them tie 2 slipknots (1st part of tying a bow) to make an adjustable bracelet.

REFRESHMENTS: Cover your refreshment table with a red tablecloth and then sprinkle junior mints around to be the dots! Make one or both of the suggestions below & serve strawberry lemonade.



Ritz cracker
Pepperoni
Sliced black olives
Sliced cherry tomatoes
Log cheese cut into circles



Ice cupcakes with red icing. Cut a chocolate wafer into 2 wings, and then use red gel icing to cover them with dots. Support the wings with blobs of frosting on the cupcake. Place a junior mint as the head and insert licorice antennae by poking the mint twice with a toothpick.

POPULAR IDEAS...In England a ladybug signifies a good harvest. In France, it means good weather is coming. In Sweden, if a ladybug lands on a girl's hand, it's said to be taking measurements for her wedding gloves. And in the US if a ladybug lands on you, you can make a special wish because they bring GOOD LUCK. 🍀

The Joy of Womanhood

-Sis. Nadauld Young Women General President



The decision for you to be born into this earth female was determined long before mortal birth, as were the divine differences of male and female. I love the clarity of the teachings the First Presidency and the Quorum of the Twelve in the proclamation on the family, they state, “Gender is an essential characteristic of individual premortal, mortal, and identity and purpose.” From that statement we are taught that every girl was feminine and female in spirit long before her mortal birth.

God sent women to earth with special qualities in extra capacity. In speaking to young women, President Faust observed that femininity “is the divine adornment of humanity. It finds expression in your ... capacity to love, your spirituality, delicacy, radiance, sensitivity, creativity, charm, graciousness, gentleness, dignity, and quiet strength. It is manifest differently in each girl or woman, but each ... possesses it. Femininity is part of your inner beauty.”

Our outward appearance is a reflection of what we are on the inside. Our lives reflect that for which we seek. And if with all our hearts we truly seek to know the Savior we will reflect his love to others.

Elder Neal A. Maxwell meant when he said: “When the real history of mankind is fully disclosed, will it feature the echoes of gunfire or the shaping sound of lullabies? The great armistices made by military men or the peacemaking of women in homes and in neighborhoods? What happened in cradles and kitchens prove to be more controlling than what happened in congresses”

Daughters of God know that it is the nurturing nature of women that can bring everlasting blessings, and they live to cultivate this divine attribute. Surely when a woman reverences motherhood, her children will arise up and call her blessed (see Prov. 31:28).

Women of God can never be like women of the world.

The world has enough women who are tough; we need women who are tender.

There are enough women who are coarse; we need women who are kind.

There are enough women who are rude; we need women who are refined.

We have enough women of fame and fortune; we need more women of faith.

We have enough women of greed; we need more goodness.

We have enough vanity; we need more virtue.

We have enough popularity; we need more purity.

Oh, how we pray that every young woman will grow up to be all the wonderful things she is meant to be. We pray that your parents and church leaders will show you the right way. May daughters of God honor the priesthood and sustain worthy priesthood holders. May you understand your own great capacity for strength in timeless virtues.

We leaders understand the great potential for good you young women inherited from your heavenly home. We must nourish your gentleness, your nurturing nature, your innate spirituality and sensitivity, and your bright minds. Celebrate the fact that girls are different from boys. Be thankful for the position you have in God’s grand plan. And always remember what President Hinckley said, “Only after the earth had been formed, after the day had been separated from the night, after the waters had been divided from the land, after vegetation and animal life had been created, and after man had been placed on the earth, was woman created; and only then was the work pronounced complete and good.”

MORE IDEAS:



Fruit kabobs: fresh strawberries, grapes, cantaloupe, pineapple, Place a grape on wooden toothpick or skewer, sliding it all the way down to the end. This is the ladybug's head! Place the strawberry on the toothpick or wooden skewer. This is the body. Lay each ladybug down and push chocolate chip mini morsels into each. (From Batter Up Kids Delicious Desserts)

Audrey Hepburn wrote this when asked to share her "beauty tips". It was later read at her funeral.

Pretty is as Pretty Does –

For attractive lips, speak words of kindness.
For lovely eyes, seek out the good in people.
For a slim figure, share your food with the hungry.
For beautiful hair, let a child run his/her fingers through it once a day.
For poise, walk with the knowledge that you never walk alone.
People, even more than things, need to be restored, renewed,
Revived, reclaimed, and redeemed; never throw out anyone.
Remember, if you ever need a helping hand,
You will find one at the end of each of your arms.
As you grow older, you will discover that you have two hands;
One for helping yourself, and the other for helping others.

"What You Are Meant to Be" by Margaret Nadauld in the *New Era*, Oct. 2002 .

The Lord has placed significant trust in us as women. (Esth. 4:14) He has sent us to earth "for such a time as this" to perform a grand & glorious mission. What a wonderful vision that gives us of our purpose on earth. God sent women to earth with specific & different qualities from men. Teach the YW to be grateful to be daughters of God. To embrace it by showing it through their outward appearance. They should care for their bodies as they would a holy temple. Young women who love God would never abuse or deface a temple with graffiti. Nor would they throw open the doors of that holy, dedicated building and invite the world to look on. How even more sacred is the body, because it was created by God. We are the stewards, the keepers of the cleanliness and purity with which it came from heaven. President Kimball said, in his book "Integrity" on page 162 "If we dress like the opposite sex, we tend to lose our sexual identity or some of the graces that distinguish the eternal mission of our sex." He goes on to say...."Be especially watchful to observe those portions of the Dress Standards that distinguish visibly between men and women. Women, dress so that your clothing will not be confused with men's apparel." Please remind the YW that striving to dress to reflect our femininity is not to be confused with dressing 'sexy', there is a difference.

Young Women often look down on their selves when they compare themselves to others, based on the world's view of what is important. Teach them that a healthy comparison is comparing who they are NOW with who their Heavenly Father plans for them to be—their best self. YW 1, Maintaining Physical Health 37 A smile, a pleasing personality & sharing our talents makes us beautiful. We all should reach for our full Potential. The errand of angels is given to women. How I pray that every young woman will grow to love not only who she is but where she came from. If we do our best to help the yw understand their divine nature they will see that they are all beautiful inside and out. They will have the desire to reflect Christ in their appearance & actions.