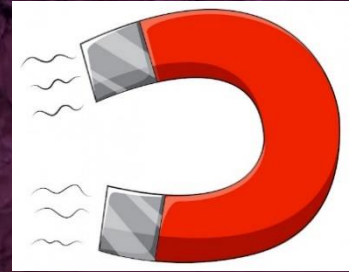


A close-up photograph of a bouquet of flowers. On the left is a large, vibrant red chrysanthemum with many small, pointed petals. In the center is a pink rose, partially open, with green leaves and a stem. At the bottom center is a purple pansy with several large, rounded petals. The background is dark and out of focus, highlighting the colors and textures of the flowers.

***“The Cost of Living”  
Mother’s Day***

*Second Grade teacher to her students:*

*"What has six letters – the first letter is "M"  
and "I picture things up – What am I?"*



M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_

M O T H E R



*Six days before the Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. <sup>3</sup> Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume."*

**John 12:1-3**





***The Way We Live can Leave A Lasting Impact***





*“But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, <sup>5</sup> “Why wasn’t this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year’s wages.” <sup>6</sup> He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.*

*<sup>7</sup> “Leave her alone,” Jesus replied. “It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me.”*

*John 12: 4-8*

*Living Life For Jesus will come at a Cost*

*“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. <sup>2</sup> And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.*

*Ephesians 5:1-2 ESV*

*Living A Life For Christ is Worth it*

*“We love because He first loved us.”*

*1 John 4:19*