

Support Her, Protect Them

Every girl has a dream. Some girls want to be a ballerina, or famous dancer. Others might want to be a doctor or a lawyer. Hopefully they want to be a mom. A girl can grow up to be anything, including a mom. She does not have to choose just one. If we support moms, we can protect their babies. There are many women in history that did great things, with support, while also being a mom.

Marie Curie and her husband were raising their daughter when they made an important scientific discovery. She became the first woman to win a Nobel Prize. Eleanor Roosevelt and her husband, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, had six kids. She was a big supporter of civil rights and very active as First Lady of the United States of America. Elizabeth Taylor had three kids and even adopted a daughter. She went on to become a famous actress. Julie Andrews, another famous actress, was also a mom. In fact, Disney supported Julie Andrews by delaying production of *Mary Poppins*. They waited for her daughter to be born and Julie Andrews to be ready before filming. J. K. Rowling was living in poverty as a single mom when she wrote her first book. After the first *Harry Potter* book was published, she got married and had two more children. She would continue to write more famous bestselling books. Last example of supporting her and protecting them is Sojourner Truth. She was born into slavery but escaped. When she found out one of her children had been illegally sold into slavery, she stood up for her son. With the support of an abolitionist family, Sojourner Truth sued the enslavers and took back her child. With support, she protected him.

The lesson we learn from these important women is that girls can do both. They can follow their dreams, and they can become moms. All she needs is support. All they need is protection.