

## **LESSON ACTIVITIES**

✓ **Further Understanding:** Investigation/Reasoning Skills

### **Roles of men and woman**

In today's society, the roles of men and women are being confused. If men and women have the same roles to fill then one of them is unnecessary. You don't need two people to fulfill the same role. The Bible makes it clear that men and women have been given different roles, which are both, essential to a healthy family. Having different roles doesn't mean that men and women are unequal. Both man and woman were created in the image of God and are equal in his sight. God, however, does lay out in the Bible their different functions. Summarize and consider the meaning of the three scriptures below and then think through the questions.

- The word for helper in Genesis is the same word that is used elsewhere in the Old Testament to describe the relationship of God coming to help man. Psalm 70:5 says, *Yet I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God. You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay.*
- 1 Corinthians 11:3 says, *Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God.*
- Ephesians 5:25 says, *Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy.*

### **Questions:**

- What is the relationship between the Father and the Son (Jesus)? They are one God but their roles are different. The Son puts himself under the Father's authority.
- What does it mean for a woman to be a man's helper? She comes along side to help him so that both can fulfill their design and become all that God desires for them.
- How is a woman both equal to a man but under his headship? (Both stand equal before God but their roles are different. The husband is the one who is the leader of and therefore responsible for the family. The woman is to willingly put herself under her husband's leadership, trusting him. Together they can more fully reflect the image of God.
- Why is it important that a family have a leader or a head? Without a leader a family won't have someone who is responsible for it and makes decisions for its good. It will drift without direction. There will be a struggle for leadership, causing continual conflict.
- Why can't there be two leaders in a family? The leaders would be in conflict with one another. There wouldn't be someone who would be held responsible for the well-being of the family.

## Beginning 23 – Activities

- What happens if a woman tries to be the leader of the family? Since it is contrary to God's design, the family will be out of order and never function in a way that brings honor to God. The man will never become the leader that God intends him to be.
- How is the husband called to love his wife? He is to love his wife in the way that Christ loves us. He is to give of himself sacrificially for her good. He puts what is best for her and the family above his own interests.
- How is a man able to love his wife in that way? Since we are all motivated by self-interest the only way a husband can love his wife that way is through Christ. The love of Christ has to be transforming him so that he can love his wife and family in a selfless manner.

### ✓ **Craft:** One flesh

As a reminder that God designed a man and a woman to come together in marriage make a paper couple or two hearts.

Materials: cover stock paper, yellow and blue tissue paper, scissors, crayons

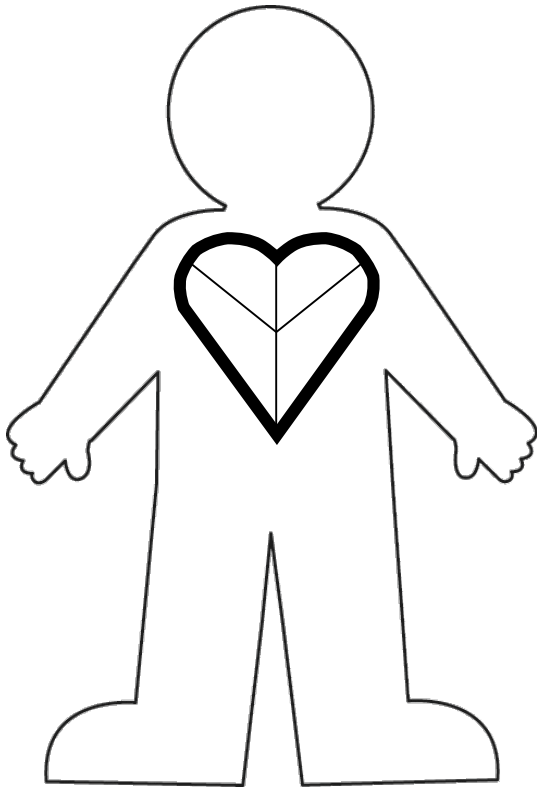
Preparation: Print off the craft figures or hearts on cover stock paper.

Instructions: Make one figure to look like a man and the other to look like a woman. Cut out the heart in center of each figure. Punch the end of the scissors in the heart where the lines cross. Cut along the straight lines to the edges of the heart. Then cut out the heart. Tape a square of the blue tissue paper behind the man and a yellow one behind the woman. Fold the page together so that the tape side is inside. The heart should now show green for both the man and the woman.

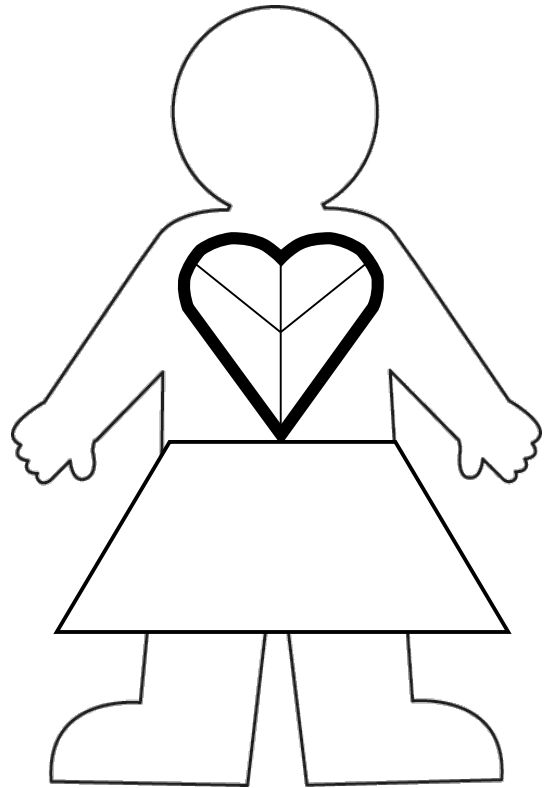
### ✓ **Game:** Three-legged Race

As a reminder that a man and woman are designed to come together in marriage in a one-flesh relationship and become united in purpose run three-legged races.

Instructions: Divide the group into pairs. Use strips of rag to tie the right leg of one person to the left leg of another. Let the pairs practice walking together to see how they can function as one. Then run different types of races.



In marriage two people



become one flesh.

