

Lesson Introduction

When God created Adam he was all alone. God knew that Adam needed a helper so he created Eve to be Adam's wife. Adam and Eve were the first married couple. God wanted them to have children and fill the earth with people. In marriage a man and woman come together to make a new family.

Discussion Questions

Day 1: Why did God create Eve? How did God create Eve?

Day 2: What is God's design for marriage? What happens when a wife and husband treat each other right?

Day 3: What happens when a man and woman are joined in marriage?

Day 4: What is the role of the man in marriage? What is the role of the woman in marriage? What happens when a man and woman do what God says?

Day 5: What are parents told to do for their children? What are children to do for their parents?

Day 6: What is God's design for marriage?

Lesson Rhyme

M—M	Make sign of "M"
Marriage	Circle R palm over L & then clasp hands together
Joins a husband to a wife	Make boy sign (like beak of ball cap) Make girl sign (stroke cheek with R thumb, closed fist), clasp hands together
M—M—Marriage	Same as above
Is to last for life	Clasp fingers of both hands tight together in front of body



In the Beginning—23

What is God's design for marriage?



M—M—Marriage

Joins a husband to a wife

M—M—Marriage

Is to last for life

Day 1

When God created Adam
he was all alone,
So God put him deep to sleep
and took from him a bone.
From Adam's rib God made Eve
so he would have a wife.
God wanted them to marry
and live a happy life.

Draw a picture of Adam and Eve.

Day 6

Marriage God designed
to join a husband to a wife.
It's a special union
that is to last for life.
God's design for marriage
is something very good.
And a family honors God
when it functions as it should.

Draw a picture of your family.

Genesis 2:21-22: ²¹ So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. ²² Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Mark 10:6-9: ⁶ "But at the beginning of creation God 'made them male and female.' ⁷ 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, ⁸ and the two will become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one. ⁹ Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

Day 5

The family is the place
where children learn and grow.
Parents are to train their kids
so God's way they will know.
The children are to listen
and do what parents say.
It is God's command
that their parents kids obey.

Draw a picture of parents teaching their children.

Day 2

Marriage God designed to join
a husband to a wife.
It's a special union
that is to last for life.
And when a wife and husband
treat each other right,
They reflect to all the world
God's goodness and his light.

Draw a picture of your parents.

Ephesians 6:1-3: ¹ Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ² "Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise— ³ "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Genesis 2:23: ²³ The man said, "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."

Day 3

A man is to leave his parents;
a wife will leave hers too.
Together they will form
a family that is new.
God says that in a marriage,
a man and woman are as one.
Once they're joined in marriage,
a new family is begun.

Draw a picture of a wedding.

Day 4

The role of leadership
God has given to the man,
And the woman is to help him
in every way she can.
When couples do what is right
life will go quite well.
God's plan for a family
is something really swell.

Draw a picture of a couple working together.

Genesis 2:24:²⁴ For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Ephesians 5:23-25:²³ For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior.²⁴ Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything.²⁵ Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.