



CREATION AND THE BEGINNING OF HUMAN HISTORY

## #23 - God Gave the Man a Helper

### Genesis 2:20-25

#### PICTURES NEEDED

23-1 Adam and Eve

#### REVIEW

- **Big Question:** What happens when God is our shepherd?

When God is our shepherd, we have everything we need.

- **Lesson Rhyme:** Review the lesson rhyme.

G—G

Garden

A perfect

place to live

G—G—Garden

All things God

did give

Make sign of "G"

L hand palm down R hand horizontal circle over left

Touch index fingers together in "G" sign & move hands in horizontal circle in front of body

Make "L" with both hands & move up chest

Same as above

Arms up in air

Extend hands palms up out front



G



L

## LESSON CONTENT

- **Introduction:** Show visual (picture 23-1)

What is this a picture of?

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 in a one flesh relationship to make a new family.

**The big question for this week is:** What is special about the marriage relationship?  
Listen as I read the lesson book and see if you can answer the question afterwards.

- **Lesson Book:** Read the book. Refer to the discussion questions.

Title: What is God's design for marriage?

Page 1—Genesis 2:21-22

(picture of Adam and Eve)

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.

Page 2—Genesis 2:23

(picture of a couple)

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.

Page 3—Genesis 2:24

(picture of a wedding)

A man must 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.

Page 4—Ephesians 5:23-25

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.

Page 5—Ephesians 6:1-3

(picture of parents instructing their children.)

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.

Page 6—Mark 10:6-9

(picture of a family)

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.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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

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

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

Page 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?

Page 5: What are parents to do for their children? What are children to do for their parents?

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

Review: Select a couple questions from above to ask the students again.

**Prayer:** Thank God that everything he does is good. Thank God for your parents and a family where you can learn and grow. Pray that everyone in your family would want to do what God says is right. Pray for anyone in your family who hasn't followed God's good design that they would experience God's forgiveness and healing.

**The Big Question:** What is special about the marriage relationship?

In marriage, a man and a woman become one flesh.

## ACTIVITIES

Any age appropriate activity can be included which fits into the club time. The activities with a star are included on the class notes handout sheet.

★ **Lesson Rhyme:** Practice the lesson rhyme with movements.

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

★ **Activity:** Draw a picture of a wedding cake to represent marriage.

★ **Coloring:** Color the lesson picture

★ **Letter/Sound Recognition:** Say the sound of and trace over each letter in the boxes.  
With which sound does marriage begin?

★ **Song:** This is My Commandment

This is my commandment that you love one another  
That your joy may be full  
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• **Craft:** Heart

As a reminder that God designed a man and a woman to come together in marriage make heart.

Materials: cover stock paper, transparency or yellow and blue tissue paper, scissors, tape

Preparation: Run off the heart page on cover stock paper and the blue and yellow page on a transparency or cut the tissue paper into squares that will cover the heart. Cut the heart page in half so each child has two connected hearts.

Instructions: Cut out the center of each heart. Tape a square of the blue transparency or tissue on top of one heart and a yellow one on top of the other. Fold the heart page together so that the taped side is inside. The heart should now show green demonstrating how a man joined to a woman become one flesh (heart).

## JOURNAL

The journal is passed out at the end of class for the students to complete at home. It has six poetic readings and related Bible verses. It would be beneficial for the teacher to read through and be familiar with its content.