

A LESSON ON MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

GRADES 1-3 – Marriage - Lesson I (Year I, Day 4)

Goal: To introduce children to the concept an understanding of marriage as a sacramental bond between a man and a woman that is lasting, loving and fruitful, and that marriage is the basis of the family.

Materials: Bible, paper, crayons/markers

Lesson: The video teaches that marriage is a calling from God and a way for people to love like God does. The Bible story emphasizes how the Holy Family is the ultimate example of a lasting, loving, and fruitful marriage.

Watch: [What is Marriage? - 27th Sunday in OT Cycle B](#) from Catholic Kids Media

Discussion:

- What does it mean for marriage to be a vocation?
- How is the love of marriage like the love of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- Why is marriage important?

Read: The Birth of Jesus ([Luke 2:4-14](#))

Discussion:

- Who is the family in this story?
- Who is Mary? (Jesus' mother) Who is Joseph? (Jesus' father)
- Who is Jesus? (the Son of God)
- Do you think Mary and Joseph were excited to see baby Jesus?
- Do you think Jesus was happy to be born into a family? Why?
- Why do we need families?
- Do you think it would have been difficult to be Jesus' mom or dad on earth?
- What do you think Jesus liked to do when he was little?
- Do you know what it was like the day you were born? Who was there? Was it warm or cold out?

- How do you think your parents felt when they saw you for the first time?

Activity: This activity allows students to reflect on their own families and the blessings that can be found within our own families. By sharing about weddings, students share about the sacrament of marriage and the celebration of love it involves.

Have the students draw a picture of themselves with their family and write or share aloud all the different ways that their family brings them joy.

Ask students if they have ever been to a wedding. If they have, ask them to share their experiences and the love they witnessed at the event.

Prayer:

*God our Father, thank you for my family,
for hugs and kisses and special times together.*

*Thank you for my friends,
for laughter and chatting and sharing.*

*Thank you for my home,
for rest times and bed times.*

*Thank you for playtimes, for toys and games and books,
and for helping me to enjoy them all.
Amen.*