

## Marriage

Thursday of Respect Life Week – January 2022

### Marriage and Family

#### Grades 4-6

**Goal:** Students will be introduced to the topic of marriage and family as a good for individuals and society. Through stories and activities, they will look at the effects of marriage on adults, children, and the entire culture.

**Materials:** **What Does Marriage Mean? A Kids' Explanation** – ([video link](#))

**What's it like being a Dad?** ([video link](#))

**Motherhood** ([video link](#))

**Watch:** **What Does Marriage Mean? A Kids' Explanation** – ([video link](#))

This light-hearted video interviews kids to ask what they know about marriage and if they would ever like to get married. Some deep truths are shared, such as when children see their mom and dad loving and supporting each other, they feel more secure. After watching the video, ask students how they would talk about marriage and if they would like to get married when they grow up. Why or why not?

#### Questions for Discussion

What does marriage mean?

How would you describe marriage?

Why do you think marriage is important?

Would you like to get married when you grow up?

Why or why not?

#### **What's it like being a Dad?** ([video link](#))

This humorous, heart-warming video illustrate the unique place of dads in families and their special role in the lives of their kids.

#### Questions for Discussion:

What makes the dad in the video so great?

Who is the best example of a dad you know of? Why?

How do husbands and fathers contribute to families?

#### **Motherhood** ([video link](#))

This humorous video illustrates the unique place of moms in families and their special role in the lives of their kids.

#### Questions for Discussion:

How does this video make you appreciate your mother more?

What strikes you about the way this mom loves her children?  
What is the greatest attribute of your own mom?

**Activity:** This activity teaches the students to recognize the 4 different aspects of true love. In creating their own posters and sharing with the class, they share with each other their understanding of love.

Have students divide into teams to create a poster depicting love that is 1) freely given (chosen with generosity and joy!), 2) faithful (through all the ups and downs of life), 3) full (a total gift of my whole life and heart), 4) fruitful (bringing new life to the world through children and family). Have each team share their poster with the class.

**Prayer:**

*God of us all,  
you have made us your sons and daughters in the family of the Church.*

*May your grace and love help our families  
in every part of the world be united to one another in fidelity to the Gospel.*

*May the example of the Holy Family, with the help of your Holy Spirit,  
guide all families to be homes of communion and prayer.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!*

*Amen.*

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