

BIG TRUTH: GOD GIVES MARRIAGE

Genesis 2:18-23; Malachi 2:14-16; Matthew 19:3-6; Mark 10:6-12; Ephesians 5:28-33

BIBLE VERSE: GENESIS 2:24

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.”

BIG IDEAS

- Marriage is a good gift from God, not an invention of man.
- Marriage is a gift of companionship.
- Marriage exists for worship of God.
- Marriage is a means of advancing the mission of God.

BIBLE STORY: GENESIS 2:15-25

Everything is from God because He is the beginning of all things. Marriage is God’s plan and invention. From the very beginning, He created man and woman and put them together to form a marriage and a family. Marriage is a reflection of God and is part of His great plan for His creation.

STORY: CREATION

God created everything. Everything we see, hear, feel, taste, and that exists was created by Him. Not only did He create everything, but He created everything perfectly, including humanity. He created mankind in His very image and likeness to reflect His worth. All of creation was made just like He wanted and designed it to be. To His delight, God looked at everything He made and declared that it was good. All creation exists for God, is good, and was created to bring Him glory.

BIG AIMS**KNOW****Every child should know that:**

- God created the family

**FEEL****Every child should feel:**

- Thankful for the gift of family that God has given them

**DO****Every child should:**

- Practice serving the members of their family

**WANT****Every child should want:**

- To honor and respect their family

MARRIAGE IS FROM GOD

Read the following verses with your child: Genesis 2:24, Proverbs 12:4, Proverbs 18:22, and Matthew 19:4-6. Talk with your child about how God is the Creator of marriage. It is His design and not an invention of man.

DISCOVER IT: *(Use the passage to illustrate the Big Truth.)*

Genesis 2:15-25.

THINK ABOUT IT: *(Use the commentary to reinforce the Big Truth.)*

In the beginning, God created the very first man. He named the man Adam. God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden, which contained everything that Adam needed except for one thing. God created Adam to need a helper. After God created Adam, He created Adam's helper by creating the very first woman. God named the first woman Eve. God created Eve to be Adam's helper and to be his wife. God created the very first marriage when He created Adam and Eve and placed them together. He blessed them and commanded them to multiply and fill the earth. Marriage is a special gift from God. It's a way for a husband and wife to bring God glory and to worship Him. It's also a way for a husband and wife to show the world a reflection of how Christ loves the church. When a man and woman live with one another in a Godly way, their marriage shares the Gospel with the world.

TALK ABOUT IT: *(Use the questions to discuss the Big Truth)*

- Why did God create Eve? (He created Eve to be Adam's helper and wife.)
- How is marriage a gift from God? (It brings companionship and shows the world how Christ loves the church.)



As a family, memorize Genesis 2:24 by creating a matching game. Write each word of the verse on an index card twice. Take turns making matches. When all the matches are made, put the verse together and say it out loud.



Play a game of beanbag toss with your child. When someone hits a designated spot with the beanbag, that person gets to name one way that marriage is a good gift from God. Talk with your child about how God gives marriage as a gift and as a reflection of Christ and the church.



Spend some time showing your child pictures from your own wedding day. Talk with your child about how a marriage brings God glory and worships Him.



Spend some time with your child this week doing special things such as playing games, going on special outings, etc. At the end of the week, talk with your child about how special it is to share things with someone else. Remind your child that marriage is a gift of companionship and means a husband and wife have a friend and companion.

Spend some time this week praying and thanking God for giving marriage.