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truth

LESSON 4

I know God's plan for marriage

Genesis 2:18-25 - Matthew 19:4-6

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Read and understand

I know God's plan for marriage

GENESIS 2:18-25, MATTHEW 19:4-6

TRUTH = God created marriage between one man and one woman for all of their lives.

FAITH = Children who trust God that his plan for marriage is good.

"That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh." GEN 2:24



God's better story

- God designed marriage – one man, one woman, for a whole lifetime.
- Marriage is the place for sex - God designed a man and a woman to become one flesh, and marriage is the right place for this to happen.
- We might hear different things about who can get married, about divorce and sex. We listen to God, who made us and loves us and wants to protect us.



Talk together



7 and Under

- What does God tell us about marriage? Who is it between? How long does it last?
- How is love in marriage like God's love for us?
- Children don't get married, but they have friends. How can we love our friends like God loves us?



8 and Over

The left picture shows a girl with her parents. The right picture shows the girl, slightly older, with her Dad, his new partner and two other children, a step-brother and a half-brother.

- What could you thank God for about this family?
- What would you want the girl to know about God's love for her?

Note to parents:

We know that many relationships do not follow God's design for marriage – that may be your own experience. We want to hold up the truth and beauty of God's design whilst showing love and compassion to those who experience something different.



Live it out

God says it is not good for man to be alone. He made us to have relationships. We won't all get married, but we do all need friends. After you have played with friends this week think about:

- What is the same about friendship and marriage?
- What is different?

Connect to the truth

- God designed marriage - he tells us what it is and how it works.
- Marriage is a little taste of God's love that sticks with us no matter what.

Pray

Use objects to help you connect with God.

1. BIBLE - Thank God for making marriage. Thank God that it shows his sticking-with-us love. Ask God to help you trust his good plan.
2. FRIENDS - Thank God for your friends. Ask God to help you show his love to your friends.

Let's be people who thank God for marriage and trust his plan for what marriage is.



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