

### 3.07 BE FAITHFUL IN MARRIAGE

Topic: God's Plan for a Family

Subtopic: Be Faithful in Marriage

4F. Peace in the Home, School, Church and Community

Class: Class III (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

Objectives:

**Knowledge:** When asked what God's design is for a family, students will say God builds a family on the faithfulness of one man and one wife.

**Attitude:** Students will begin asking God to prepare the right partner for them when they are old enough to marry.

Materials Needed

Memory Verse Exercise Book  
Exercise Book

Scripture:

**References:** Genesis 1:26-28; 2:21-25  
Teacher's Notes

Memory Verse: "Do not commit adultery." Exodus 20:14

#### TEACHER ACTIVITIES

**Introduction:**

1. Who is the creator of the world?
2. Did the Creator of the world plan for us to live as families? How do we know that?

**Bible Story:**

3. Tell the story how God created a wife for Adam. Genesis 2:21-25

**Suggested Discussion Questions**

4. What prompted God to make a wife for Adam?
5. When God brings a chosen man and woman together, how do they relate to each of their original families?
6. How can this family be strong and loving?
7. God talks about this in the seventh commandment. What does that commandment say?
8. What is adultery?
9. How can having intimate relationship outside of the marriage weaken the marriage?

**Application:**

10. What can a family do to fulfill God's plan for a family?

**Evaluation:**

11. Even though you are young, what can you do now to assure a strong family for yourself?

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES

**Introduction:**

1. God
2. Yes. He tells us in the Bible.

**Bible Story:**

3. Students will learn that God took a rib from Adam while he was in a deep sleep and formed a woman for him out of the rib.

**Possible Answers to Questions:**

4. He saw that man needed a companion.
5. They leave their father and mother and become one—start their own family.
6. They are faithful to each other.
7. "Do not commit adultery." Ex. 20:14
8. When a man is unfaithful to his wife or a wife is unfaithful to her husband, it is called adultery.
9. It destroys trust in the other and often creates serious conflict.

**Application:**

10. Build their marriage with God as its foundation. A family that prays together stays together.

**Evaluation:**

11. Begin praying that God will help you make a good choice for your mate when you are old enough to marry.

### **Extension Activities**

1. Have students write their new memory verse in their Memory Verse Exercise Book: “Do not commit adultery.” Exodus 20:14
2. In their other Exercise Book, have the students write at the top: **STRONG FAMILIES**. Underneath have them write 1) are built with God as their foundation; 2) Begin with one man and one wife being faithful to each other; 3) I can pray now that God will help me make right choice for my mate.
3. Discussion. Discuss ways families [dads, moms and children] can live together and maintain faithful relationships. Suggestions are: a) Pray together; b) Read the Bible together and talk about how they can live out the teachings of the Bible; c) Attend church together; d) Do things together—take walks together, work together in the garden, invite friends for fellowship together; e) Talk together about things that bother you or problems you may be experiencing and learn from each other—pray for one another.

## **NOTES FOR TEACHERS**

### **Highlights for the Bible Story**

1. God is a very caring and thoughtful God. When He was creating the world and all the things He put in the world, He created man. Then He noticed that the man He created, Adam, needed a companion.
2. God wanted to do something about that so He made Adam fall into a very deep sleep—maybe something like what happens today when people are put to sleep for surgery.
3. While he was asleep, God took out one of the man’s ribs and closed up the flesh.
4. Out of that rib, God formed a woman and presented her to Adam.
5. It is God’s plan that when a man and woman decide to become man and wife, they are to leave their own parents and become one together, thus starting their own home and family.
6. It is God’s intention that a man and his wife will be faithful to each other. That means that they will not become intimately involved with another man or woman.
7. Should a married man become attracted to a woman other than his wife, (or a married woman become attracted to a man other than her husband), that is called adultery. God looks on adultery as a sin.
8. In fact, when God gave Moses the Ten Commandments, He knew that temptations could come for a married man to be attracted to another woman or a married woman to be attracted to another man, so God said, “Do not commit adultery.”
9. Faithfulness to each other is very important. When a man and woman marry, they commit themselves to each other. They trust each other to be faithful. When that trust is broken, it creates sadness and conflict in the home.
10. Making God the foundation of your home helps to keep relationships right between the man and his wife and their children.
11. A family that prays together stays together. A family that studies the Bible together learns how to live together and live to please God.
12. You are very young and not at a time in your life when you are thinking about marriage. However, you can already start praying that God will help you choose the right person for you to marry when you are old enough. You will want to marry a person who will be faithful to you and will want to create a home that honors God in all ways.

### **Peacemaking Connection**

When trust is broken between a man and his wife, the one that feels wronged is hurt. And when one is hurt, it is not uncommon for that one to speak angrily to the other. Sometimes that even becomes a physical fight. Peace is not felt within the family. Children often feel the tensions even if they don’t understand all the

circumstances. When a man and his wife remain faithful to each other, they will discover how to communicate with each other and will work together to solve problems in a peaceful manner.

### **Key Points**

This lesson is a sensitive lesson because it is dealing with more adult issues. It needs to be treated carefully on a level these children can understand. God created man and woman to become one man and one wife in a marriage relationship. Faithfulness to each other is God's intention. To be unfaithful to each other is to commit adultery which God sees as a sin. One way to prevent unfaithfulness is to build your home with God as the foundation. Praying together keeps the family together.

### **Teacher Evaluation**

If you are a married teacher, are you faithful in your marriage relationship? Do you encourage your family to read the Bible and pray together? Do you do things that keep your family connections strong? If adultery is a problem for you, what will you do to correct it?