

<u>Marriage - Seeing Relationships as God Sees</u> Sunday, September 7, 2025

God desires to be the center of our relationships

One Vision: Seeing as God Sees

1. Singlehood

2. Dating & Engagement

How does God see marriage?

God sees marriage as a partnership

And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." Genesis 2:18 NKJV

So, Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. *Genesis 2:20 NKJV*

And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs and closed up the flesh in its place. *Genesis 2:21 NKJV*

Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. *Genesis 2:22 NKJV*

And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." *Genesis 2:23*

Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. *Genesis 2:24 NKJV*

And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. Genesis 2:25 NKJV

God sees marriage with a purpose

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." *Genesis 1:26 NKJV*

So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. *Genesis 1:27 NKJV*

Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth." *Genesis 1:28 NKJV*

God sees marriage as a pattern

For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. Ephesians 5:30 NKJV

"For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." *Ephesians 5:31 NKJV*

This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church. Ephesians 5:32 NKJV

This Week's OWNit365 New Testament Plus Plan:

Sept 7- Acts 23, Family Focus – Acts 23:6-11

Sept 8- Ezek 33, Family Focus - Ezek 33:1-6

Sept 9 - Reflection & Prayer

Sept 10- Acts 24, Family Focus - Acts 24:10-21

Sept 11– Acts 25, Family Focus – Acts 25:1-7 Sept 12– Acts 26, Family Focus – Acts 26:26-32 Sept 13 - Acts 27, Family Focus – Acts 27:14-26

September 7

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Memory Verse: "God made families." Genesis 1:26a (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God Made Families, and He Made My Family Too

Parent Connect: Tell your toddler that they used to be a baby too when God made them and added them to your family. Show them pictures of when they were a baby. Using the craft they made or a favorite baby doll show them how to care for their baby and help them practice. Ask them "Who made you?" and "Who made our family?" (God).



In this series, kids will discover that God is mighty- stronger than sickness, armies, fear and even enemies! Through the stories of Elisha's miracles, Jehoshaphat's victory through praise, Naaman's healing, and Hezekiah's trust in God, kids will learn that God helps His people in powerful ways.

Memory Verse: Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God." Isaiah 41:10a

Heart of the Lesson: Elisha Does Miracles | 1 Kings 19, 2 Kings 2; 4:38-41; 6:13-18

Parent Connect: This week we learned about lots of the miracles that Elisha performed with God! This week scan this QR code and pick an activity and corresponding devotional to do together from one of Elisha's miracles

https://babydevotions.com/2021/01/24/devotions-for-preschoolers-on-the-prophet-elijah/



The words we say are powerful. God gave us a mouth to praise Him and yet our tongue is often used to tear down instead of build up. In this series we will discuss the power of our words. This series is full of daily applications for all of us!

Memory Verse: May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Psalm 19:14

Heart of the Lesson: Using good and helpful words makes us more like Jesus.

Parent Connect: Today we learned about cow tongues and how they are good and helpful when used correctly! As a family, talk about other things that are good and helpful when used correctly and maybe a little stinky or gross when used incorrectly. Our words are the same as these things! We can use them to be good and helpful, making us more like Jesus in the process!

This year as a church, our year-long theme has been One Vision. That means that we're learning how to see things the way God does. In this series, we will be learning how to see forgiveness like Jesus. Forgiveness can be really hard, but Jesus taught us that we should forgive not once, twice, or even 7 times, but an infinite number of times, just as He has forgiven us.

Memory Verse: You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for he forgave all our sins. Colossians 2:13

Heart of the Lesson: What if someone won't forgive me? - 2 Chronicles 7:14, Psalm 66:16-20, Proverbs 14:9, James 5:16

Parent Connect: Pray together for someone who your student is struggling to forgive, or someone who is struggling to forgive them. Share the situation with another family member, church leader, or close friend and ask them to pray for that person, too.