

# Children's Ministry

THIRD  
FOURTH

February 14<sup>th</sup> || Matthew 5:32

Main Point: **Marriage is a picture of Jesus' love**

(Try to repeat the main point several times.)

Read Ephesians 5:31-32 and ask:

1. Who does a man leave when he becomes married?
2. What happens to the husband and wife?
3. Where is Paul quoting from?
4. What does Paul say is the purpose of marriage?

Read Ephesians 5:24-27

1. Who does the Bible say should lead the family?
2. Who leads the church?
3. If a husband is supposed to love like Jesus loves us, what sort of things does this passage say he should do for his wife?
4. What should be a husband's top goal for his wife?

Paul says that God designed marriage to teach us about Jesus and the Church. Marriage is not just about who we love, or starting a family. God wants to tell a much bigger story...the story of Jesus' great love for the people He died for.

## Charades

Have the kids practice their drama skills. Take turns with some kids having them act out characters from the Bible (ie. Abraham, Noah, Mary, King David, etc.) Then explain that the things Jesus does for the church, a husband is supposed to do for his wife. People should see the way a married couple lives and it should help them understand how much Jesus loves us!

This means that marriage is not just about two people liking each other, and is not a promise that should change. We know we are safe in Jesus because He will never change His mind. A husband and wife have a great chance to show this to the world as they love each other continually in their marriage. Like sock puppets allow your hands to become different characters, a marriage allows two people to be an example of Jesus and His people!

1. Do I pray for my parents' marriage?
2. Do I look for ways to help my parents' marriage?

Driving it

home...



"Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her."— Ephesians 5:25

The greatest display of Jesus' love to us is the cross. We know He loves us because He was willing to die for us. So Jesus' love for us is not based on our love for Him, but on His sacrifice He made for us. In fact, the only reason we can love Jesus and be right with God is because He died for us so that we could be forgiven of our sins!