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MARRIAGE MATTERS

MARRIAGE IDEA CARD

A FOCUS ON MARRIAGE AT FELLOWSHIP

FOR TEENS AND ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

YOUR PARENTS' MARRIAGE

HOW CAN YOU ENCOURAGE THEM?

God has given us the gift of Salvation through Jesus Christ, and that Gift changes how we view everything else in life. Your family is also a gift from God. You depend on your parents for many things, and they provide food, clothing and housing as well as guidance and encouragement. Did you know that your parents' marriage is very important to God? Have you ever thought about how you can encourage your parents? You may not have thought of this, but you can help strengthen their marriage! How? By regularly praying that your parents would love the Lord, love each other, and honor God in their marriage.

BEST USE:

Teens: Schedule a time to ask discuss the questions below with your parents. Take time afterwards to pray together, praying for the requests your parents share with you.

Parents: Schedule a time with your elementary age kids and discuss these questions, share prayer requests, and pray with them.

During your discussion: Encourage one another and enjoy your time together.

1. Dad, can you share how you proposed to Mom? For fun can you reenact it?
2. Mom, what attracted you to Dad? Dad, what attracted you to Mom?
3. Can you remember a specific moment in time when you knew you would end up marrying Dad/Mom?
4. What do you think is the most challenging part of being married? Or, what are some struggles you have faced over the years?
5. Other than having me, what has been the most joyous day or occasion you've experienced as a married couple?
6. What's one thing that Dad/Mom does that makes you feel glad you married him/her?
7. If you could have been given a key piece of advice before marrying Dad/Mom, what would it have been?
8. Dad, what do you see as Mom's strengths? Mom, what do you see as Dad's strengths? What do you appreciate about each other?
9. How has having a relationship with Christ impacted your marriage?
10. How has the Bible helped you in your marriage? What specific Bible verses have been helpful?

Pray for Your Parents' Marriage

Take time to allow your parents to share prayer requests with you so you will know how to pray for your parents' marriage, and then spend time as a family praying for your parents. Commit to praying for these prayer requests on a regular basis.

Prayer Requests for My Parents' Marriage:

1. Pray that Mom and Dad would be unselfish in their choices. **Philippians 2:3-5**
2. Pray that the things that are most important to Jesus would be most important to Mom and Dad. **Matthew 6:33**
3. Pray that Mom and Dad would be quick to forgive each other. **Eph. 4:30-32**

Prayer Requests from Mom and Dad:

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