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The Sacrament of Marriage



Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who
trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
Amen.



No Longer Two but One Flesh

Adapted from Mark 10:1-12

The Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, "Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?" They were testing him. He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, **1** no human being must separate." **2**



In the house the disciples again questioned Jesus about this. **3** He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

**As your teacher reads the Scripture again,
answer the questions below together.**

1 When a man and woman marry, who has joined them together?

2 Can anything separate Jesus from His bride, the Church? How do you know?

3 It was common for the Pharisees to try to trap Jesus with questions. But this teaching on marriage was so hard to accept that even His disciples questioned Him about it. Did Jesus change His mind or make the teaching easier to accept?



The Wedding at Cana in Sacred Art

Look at the picture while your teacher reads aloud John 2:1-11.

Then discuss the questions.



The Wedding Feast at Cana, by Julius Schnorr von Carolsfeld.

1. Who are the figures in this painting?
2. What moment from the Gospel story has the artist shown us?
3. Why do you think Peter is kneeling?
4. What is the role of Mary at the wedding at Cana?
5. What does the story of Jesus' first public miracle at a wedding tell us about His presence in the Sacrament of Marriage?



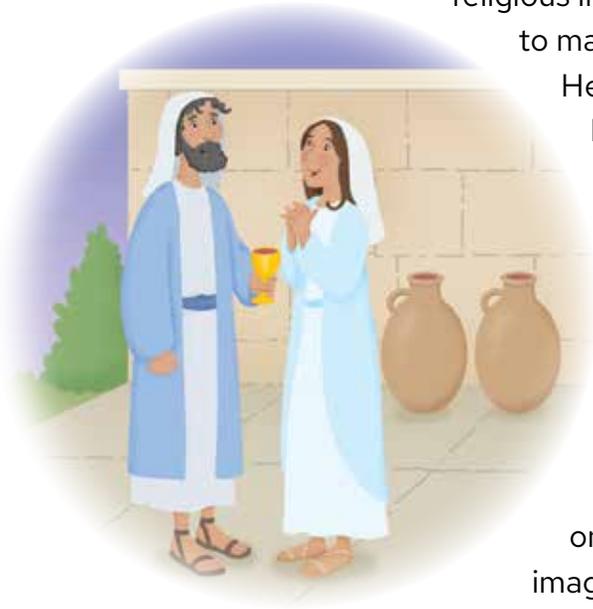
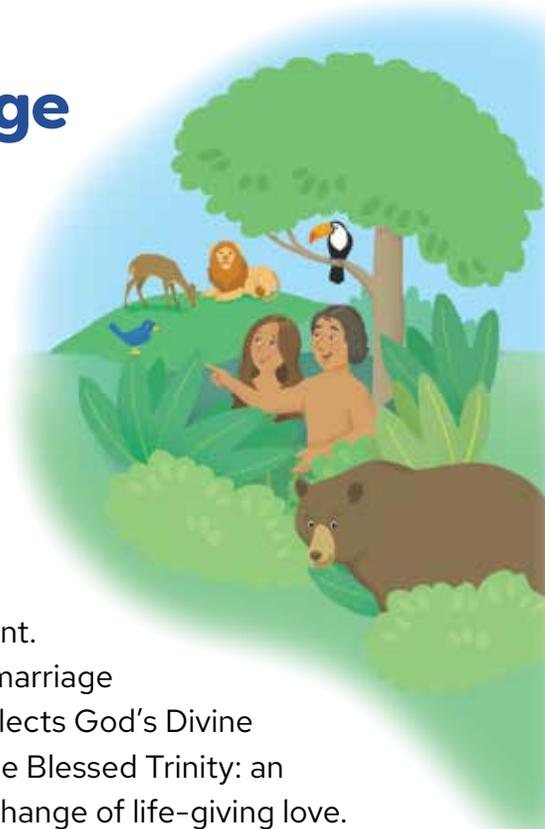
Symbol for Sacramental Marriage

Read the reflection on marriage. Then create a symbol or logo for sacramental marriage that shows how it is both a human institution and a supernatural, divine institution.

God, who is love, created man and woman in His image for love. Thus, the God-given vocation of every human being is to love. God calls some people to live out this call in the priesthood or

religious life. He calls most people to marriage. When Jesus came, He made marriage a sacrament.

Now that Jesus has made marriage a sacrament, marriage reflects God's Divine nature. God Himself is the Blessed Trinity: an eternal, unbreakable exchange of life-giving love. Just as Jesus was present at the Wedding at Cana, He offers husbands and wives the graces and the strength to live the Sacrament of Matrimony as a sacrament of love. In a unique way, man and woman were created for each other and called to become one in a covenant of love. And this oneness becomes an image of the unfailing love of Jesus for His Church.



Your symbol or logo for sacramental marriage