

General Church Education



# True Marriage Love

Genesis 2:18-24

## Lesson 3

Jacob's Ladder Religion Lessons

Level 1: The Lord Is Our Creator

For ages 6-7 years

## TRUE MARRIAGE LOVE

GENESIS 2:18-24

Our next two lessons are about marriage and the family. It is important for children of this age to be taught the ideals that lead to True Marriage Love. This love is also called Conjugal Love. Knowing these concepts lays a foundation for the future. Children need a vision of the potential of a spiritual marriage. This vision brings children great joy. As they grow, the Lord can infill these innocent delights as He prepares them for marriage. Children also can learn that loving the things of the Word and learning how to pray are essential to having a spiritual marriage.

In addition to teaching our children about the wonders of Conjugal Love, we can help them to develop virtues and good habits that will make it easier for them to receive this gift from the Lord. The Word speaks of the virtues of kindness, modesty and chastity of thought and deed. Every family will find unique ways to help the Lord instill the desire for True Marriage Love in their children.

### IDEAS FOR PARENTS & TEACHERS

- Conjugal Love refers to a spiritual union between one man and one woman.
- Conjugal Love is a gift from the Lord and is holy.
- Conjugal Love is the source of all joys and delights. Everyone who turns to the Lord is given Conjugal Love, if not in this world, then in heaven.
- We can cooperate with the Lord as He works to prepare our children for Conjugal Love.

### FROM THE WRITINGS

Conjugal love is the fundamental love of all celestial and spiritual loves, and consequently of natural loves. *Conjugal Love 57*

Conjugal love in its essence is nothing else but the wish of two...that their two lives become one life. *Conjugal Love 215*

The states produced by this love are innocence, peace, tranquility, inmost friendship, complete trust, a mutual desire of the mind and heart to do the other every good; also, as a result of all these, bliss, felicity, delight, pleasure, and, owing to an eternal enjoyment of states like this, the happiness of heaven.... Conjugal love originates from the marriage between goodness and truth, and this marriage comes from the Lord. *Conjugal Love 180*

# TRUE MARRIAGE LOVE

## IMPORTANT IDEAS

The Lord gives Love Truly Conjugal or True Marriage Love as a special gift to a husband and wife when they both look to Him.

True Marriage Love lasts forever.

We know that the Lord is our Heavenly Father. He loves and cares for everyone. He wants everyone to come to live with Him in heaven. We also know that the Lord has given us a precious gift so that we can learn about Him. Can you remember what that gift is? (*The Word.*)

Do you remember why the Lord wants to have His Word written in a book for us to read? (*Answers may vary - Because people forgot to listen to Him, people were in darkness, etc.*)

Today, we are going to learn about another precious gift that the Lord has given us. This gift is called Conjugal Love or True Marriage Love. This is the love between a husband and a wife that makes them want to join their lives together in a very special way. Conjugal Love becomes the greatest joy for both the husband and the wife as each turns to the Lord and really tries to follow His teachings. This True Marriage Love makes each partner want to do loving things for the other with the wish to make the other happy. The happiness of the one brings happiness to the other.

In our lesson from the Lord's Word we are going to read about the very first marriage. The Lord joined the first man, Adam, and the first woman, Eve, together in Conjugal Love or True Marriage Love. He knew that in this way He could give them the wonderful happiness that a true marriage can bring. They couldn't have this kind of special love in any other way.

As we read, notice how the Lord saw what Adam needed. Read Genesis 2:18-21.

The Lord knew that naming and caring for the animals was not enough to bring Adam the special happiness that the Lord wants for everyone. The next part of our lesson from the Word tells how the Lord gave Adam a wife to share his life with him. When we read this story, we can know that it is a promise to every person. The Lord plans to give us a married partner whom we can love more than anyone. When we turn to the Lord, He will lead us to find that special person, if not in this

world, then in heaven. In heaven everyone is married forever. All angels have Love Truly Conjugal from the Lord.

Read Genesis 2:21-24.



The Lord said, "A man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." After marriage a man and wife are joined in starting a new life together. They will live together, share together and worship the Lord together. "They are no longer two but one flesh."

## DISCUSSION

- Can you remember from our lesson what special gift the Lord gives to husbands and wives when they both turn to Him? (*Conjugal Love.*)
- Husbands and wives turn to the Lord by praying to Him, reading the Word and obeying what the Lord teaches.
- Have you ever been to a wedding? How did it make you feel? Many people feel happy and excited at a wedding. This is because the Lord sends His angels who love weddings to be close to people who are getting married.
- When a husband and wife are married, they become a family together. This is a very joyful time for them. Often the Lord gives them even more joy by bringing children into the family. We will be learning more about the family in our next lesson.



# TRUE MARRIAGE LOVE | Activities

## Recitation

- Learn the recitation.

Unless the Lord builds the house,  
they labor in vain who build it.  
Psalm 127:1

When the recitation has been learned, give children the recitation picture on the last page of this lesson, and a sticker, e.g. a star, to decorate it.



## Song

- Angel Song  
Listen at <https://www.newchurchvineyard.org/resource/song-angel-song/>

## Projects

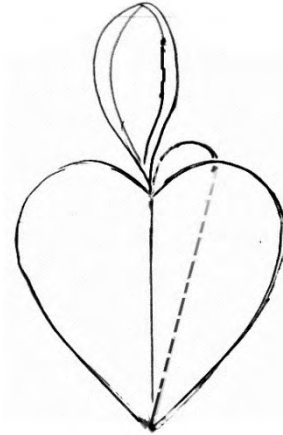
- Covenant of the Heart Project
- Picture to color

## Covenant of the Heart Project

It takes three to make a marriage. It takes a man and a woman coming before the Lord to promise that they will each love, honor, and cherish the other forever. But where would a married couple be without the Lord's help? He inspires the love of marriage. He blesses a marriage with happiness, if a husband and wife are doing their part. Remember that only angels live "happily ever after," and most people aren't angelic when they marry. They need the Lord's help to keep their marriage promises.

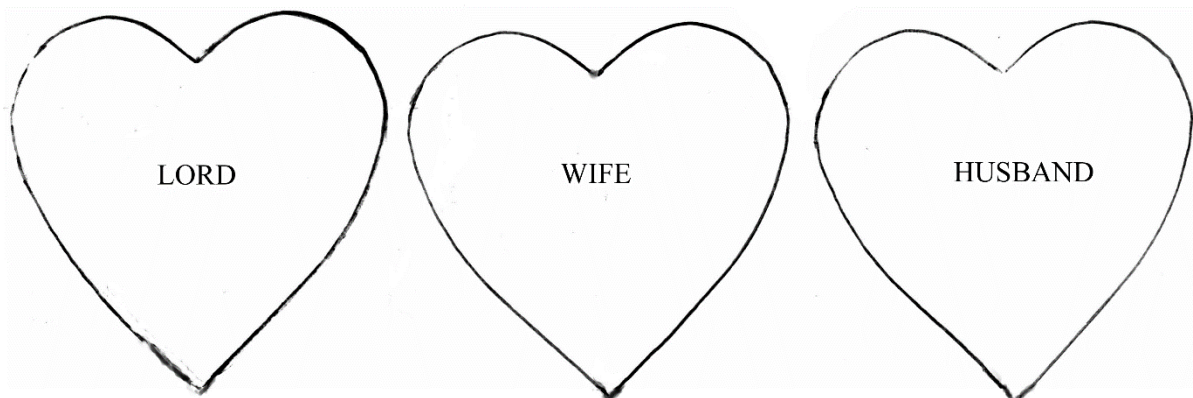
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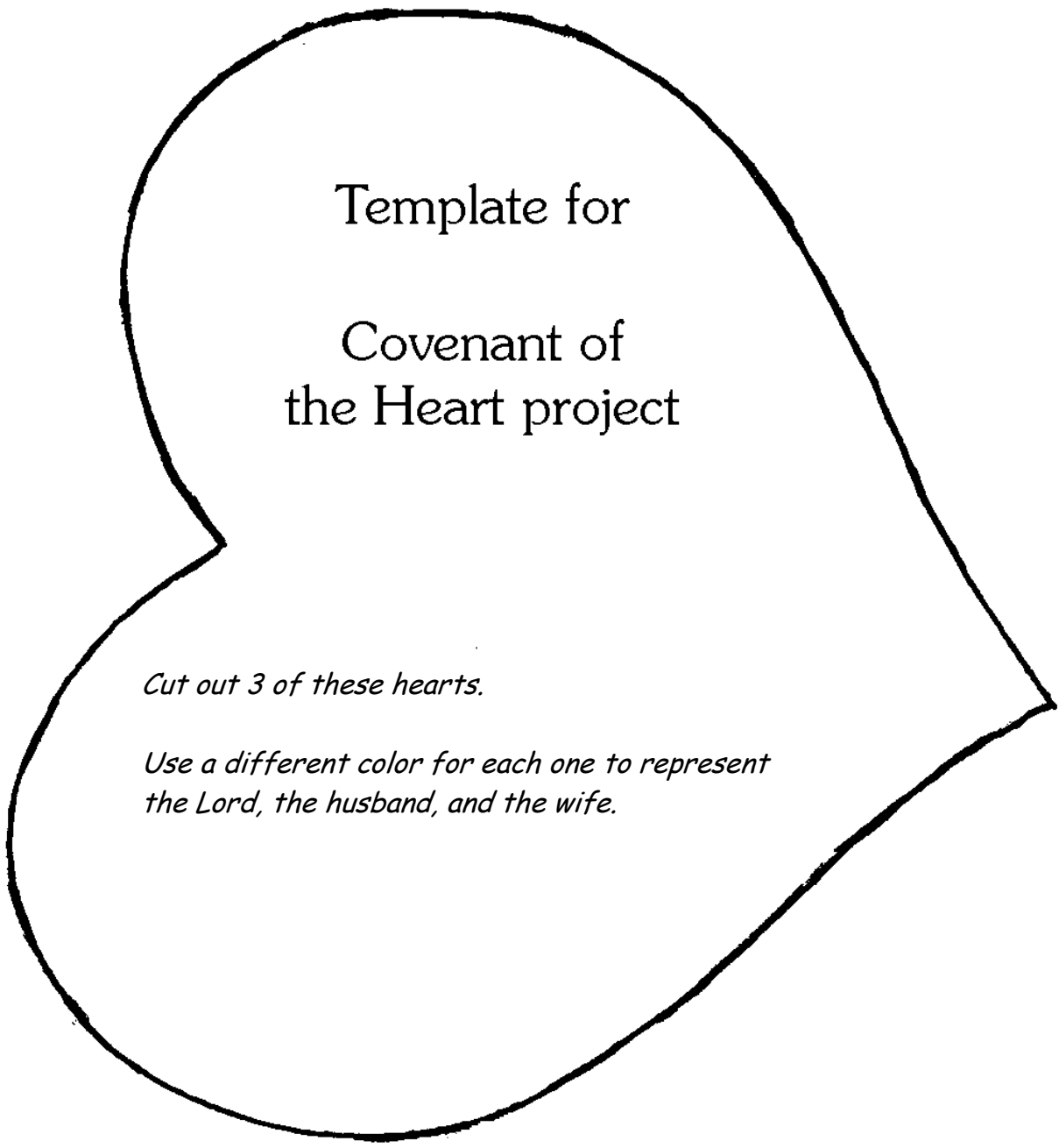
- 1 heart cut from stiff gold or yellow paper
- 1 heart cut from stiff red paper
- 1 heart cut from stiff white paper
- marker, crayon or pencil
- glue
- ribbon for hanging



### Directions

1. Use the template on the next page to cut 3 hearts that are identical in size and shape. (Each heart can each be a different color as suggested or all the same color.)
2. Write "LORD" on the gold or yellow heart.
3. Write "Wife" or "Mom" on the red heart.
4. Write "Husband" or "Dad" on the white heart.
5. Fold each of the hearts in half with the writing inside the heart.
6. Put glue on the back of the "LORD" heart, around the edge and along the fold. Then attach half of the "Wife" heart to half of the "LORD" heart.
7. Put glue on the back of the "Wife" heart, applying it to the exposed half. Press the "Husband" heart onto the remaining halves of the other two hearts.
8. Attach a loop of ribbon for hanging.





Template for  
Covenant of  
the Heart project

*Cut out 3 of these hearts.*

*Use a different color for each one to represent  
the Lord, the husband, and the wife.*





# Recitation Award | Lessons 3 and 4

