

Introducing the Wedding Book

It is hoped that this project will help young children explore the concept of marriage as they learn more about the wedding that started their family.

Materials:

printed pages of book (*2 pages per sheet of paper*)

pencils

colored pencils

construction paper or cover stock (*for front and back covers*)

glue stick, optional

hole punch and ribbon, optional

stapler, optional

Procedure:

1. Complete each page of the booklet, working from page 1 through page 10. (This will require input from parents and looking at some photos of their parents' wedding.)
2. Use colored pencils to make illustrations for the book.
3. Fold each sheet of paper in half, then cut along the fold. You will now have 10 sheets of paper (rather than 5).
4. Make front and back covers for the booklet, using construction paper or cover stock. Each cover should be a rectangle measuring 9 by 6 inches.
5. The front cover may be decorated with an illustration or a wedding photograph or simply the title and the student's name.
6. Bind pages on the left side, using stapler OR by making 3 holes (with hole puncher) and tying with ribbon.



The Wedding

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In the wedding ceremony, the bride and groom come before the Lord to pledge their love and to promise faithfulness. They love each other and want to be married so that they can spend their lives growing closer to each other and to the Lord.

The Lord gives married couples a special love of having children. They hope that He will bless them with children to love.

You are part of a family that started with your parents' wedding. This book will help you learn about their wedding.



My mother and father were married on a

[day of the week] _____

in the month of _____

in the year _____

at _____ o'clock.

The wedding was held *[church or other setting]*

at _____

in *[town or city]* _____

in *[state or province]* _____.

[Have you been to the place they were married or seen a picture of it?]

The minister who did the wedding was

_____.

My mother wore _____

_____.

She carried a bouquet of _____

_____.

She looked _____.

My father wore _____

_____.

[Draw a picture of your parents at their wedding OR put a wedding photograph here.]

Every wedding is different, but a wedding in the New Church will begin with the minister opening the Word.

[Draw a picture of the open Word with beautiful flowers nearby.]

Then the couple comes up the aisle to the chancel where the Word is. They are coming before the Lord together.

The minister reads what the Lord tells us about marriage, then asks the bride and groom some questions. He asks the groom, “Will you love, honor, and comfort her and cherish her alone, that you may live together in the holy state of marriage according to the laws of God?”

During their wedding, my father said,
“_____”.

When the minister asked my mother this question, she said, “_____”.

My father and mother gave each other wedding rings which the minister blessed, saying: “May these rings be a sign and token of love truly conjugal.”

My father said, “In giving this ring I wed you, and take you to be my wife, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

My mother said, “In receiving this ring I wed you, and take you to be my husband, in the name of _____
_____.”

[Draw a picture of 2 gold wedding rings.]

The minister asked the Lord to bless the covenant of their marriage. The bride and groom joined their right hands. Then the minister put his hand on top of their hands and said, “In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I pronounce you husband and wife. What God has joined together, let not man put asunder.”

The bride and groom kissed each other. After they kissed, everyone kneeled and said the Lord’s prayer.

The minister blessed the couple and the guests at the wedding. Then after the minister closed the Word, the bride and groom turned to leave the church.

The music was joyous because weddings are a time of great happiness! *[Ask your mother or father to let you listen to some of the music that was played for their wedding.]*

After the wedding, there was a party or reception to celebrate it. The reception was at _____ . People congratulated the bride and groom. There were speeches and songs and food. The wedding cake was delicious!

[Make a picture of a wedding cake.]

What are your parents' favorite memories of their wedding?

Can you tell why weddings are special?

I think weddings are special because
