Make: The Lord's Promise for Marriage Book



At a Glance:
In this activity students will create booklets illustrating the states of true marriage love that the Lord promises to those who long for and work for "a lovely partnership with one" (Conjugial Love 49). The method is watercolor wash, done on damp paper, which allows children to create quick, flowing illustrations. The descriptions of the meanings of the phrases on the teacher's chart and the italicized introduction and conclusion below come from *The Love of Loves*, written by Jill Rogers and published by the General Church Office of Education.

Supplies Needed:
- set of 8 pages on the states of true marriage love cut apart for each child
- *The Lord's Promise Booklet Chart* of explanations and picture ideas for the teacher
- watercolor paints
- soft paintbrushes
- jars of water
- sponge in bowl of water
- newspaper or other covering to protect table
- stapler
- *optional:* hair dryer to speed up the drying process

Teacher Preparation:
- Cut the pages for the booklets apart, providing one complete set for each student.
- Read through *The Lord's Promise Booklet Chart* for meaning and picture suggestions.

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Directions:

1. Introduce the activity: The Lord wants everyone to be as happy as they can possibly be. One way He provides happiness is in marriage. When a man and a woman get married, they make special promises to the Lord. When they keep these promises, the Lord gives them the gift of true marriage love or conjugial love. True marriage love brings people wonderful feelings. We will create booklets illustrating the feelings that the Lord promises.

2. Distribute a set of pages to each student. Show them how to wet the first page using the sponge. (Depending on your group, you may want to do this step for them.)

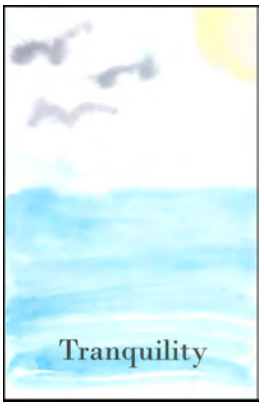
3. For the first page, let students experiment with painting on the wet paper and seeing what happens. Suggest that they use colors that make them happy. When students are done, set the first pages aside to dry.

4. One by one, have students wet and then paint on the rest of the pages. Explain the meaning of each word or phrase, using the chart provided on the next page. Each phrase also has suggested picture ideas. Most are symbols for the feeling being described.

5. As you let pages dry tell students: The Lord tells us that we can prepare for true marriage love from the time we are young. He tells us to pray to Him, and ask Him for a lovely partnership with one person. The Lord tells us to read His Word and to love and obey the truths we learn there. He tells boys and girls and men and women to respect each other. He tells us to stay away from feelings that will make it hard to love and honor a husband or a wife. Then the Lord can someday give us true marriage love.







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The Lord's Promise Booklet Chart

Explanations of the words and phrase come from *The Love of Loves*, a book written by Jill Rogers.

Booklet	Explanation	Picture Ideas
True Marriage Love	The Lord wants to give everyone the gift of true marriage love which brings people wonderful feelings.	• swirls in happy colors
Innocence	Innocence is the willingness to follow the Lord and walk in the path of His commandments. It is shunning evils as sins against the Lord.	• sheep • doves
Peace	Peace is knowing that the Lord will provide everything that is needed for a couple to live a good life together. It is knowing that the Lord will protect people from the evils that can harm a marriage.	• sunrise
Tranquility	Tranquility is the feeling a married couple has when they know that the Lord is with them and is helping them to love and care for each other. It is a gentle feeling that can help them if they begin to worry or get sad. It helps them feel safe and secure because they know that everything will be all right.	• calm ocean or stream • person sleeping
Inmost Friendship	Inmost friendship is a husband and wife being able to tell each other their thoughts and feelings, even private ones. It is a married couple being able to have a special time whatever they are doing. It is a husband and wife wanting to be with each other more than with anyone else.	• two hearts
Full Confidence	Full confidence is married partners knowing that they will not ever lie to each other or hurt each other on purpose. It is a husband and wife trusting that their partner will never wish they were married to someone else and will never act like they are married to someone else.	• shield • rock
Mutual Desire to Do the Other Every Good	A mutual desire to do the other every good is each married partner wanting and working to make the other person happy. It is a husband and wife helping each other to follow the Lord because they know that will make them happier than anything else.	• two people
Blessedness, happiness, delight, pleasure and the joy of heaven	The special feelings of true marriage love will make a couple happy both on earth and in heaven forever. The Lord gathers all blessedness, happiness, delight, pleasure and joy into true marriage love. For this reason, it is called "the love of loves".	• swirls in happy colors

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