

Additional Classroom Ideas

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

CYCLE B/C

OBEYING YOUR PARENTS

Part of the lesson talks about obeying our parents. To reinforce this idea, play a game of "Simon Says" but with "Your mom says" or "Your dad says" (or alternatively, "Your parents say...")

Rules for Simon Says:

One person is designated Simon, the others are the players. Standing in front of the group, Simon tells players what they must do. However, the players must only obey commands that begin with the words "Simon Says." If Simon says, "Simon says touch your nose," then players must touch their nose. But, if Simon simply says, "jump," without first saying "Simon says," players must not jump. Those that do jump are out. Play for a set length of time or until there is one player left in the game.

Objective

Follow directions and stay in the game for as long as possible! The last player standing wins. If you're Simon, the object is to try to dupe the players to follow your commands when they shouldn't.

TRUE OR FALSE?

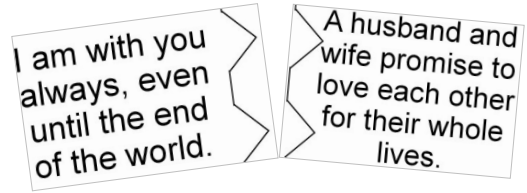
Another game would be to tape a picture of the married couple on one wall and have the students line up at the opposite wall. If the catechist says a statement that is true and good about marriage, the students may take a step toward the picture. If the statement is not true or good, they need to stay in place.

Statements could be:

- Marriage is a sacrament.
- The most important thing about a wedding is the fancy dress.
- God gives graces to a man and woman who are married in the Church.
- The most important part of a wedding is the promises or vows a bride and groom make to each other.
- When you marry, you commit to staying married for a few years.
- You need a bride and a groom for a marriage.
- You need a flower girl and a ring bearer for a marriage.
- The love between Christ and the Church is something like the love between a husband and his wife.
- A husband and wife should help each other get to Heaven.

CHRIST'S LOVE AND MARRIAGE PUZZLE

These puzzle pieces are available as a visual aide or a more active way to present the chart on Page 6 of either the K-3 or 4-6 lesson.



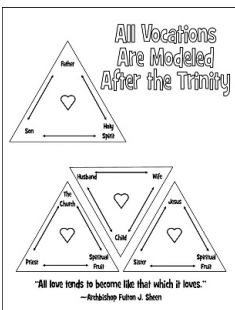
VOCATIONS BIG PICTURE

Older Saints: Review the other vocations. In addition to marriage, there is the priesthood, religious life (nuns, sisters, brothers), or the single life.

It is never too early to ask God to help you in choosing your future vocation. You can even pray for your future husband or wife if God wants you to be married, or pray for the grace to accept His call to the priesthood or religious life if that is God's will.

Reviewing the other Sacraments helps to show the importance of marriage; that it is a sacrament along with Baptism, Confirmation, Confession, Holy Eucharist, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Orders.

WATCH THIS YOUTUBE VIDEO on the Sacrament of Matrimony from Sophia Institute. It's a good overview for catechists and would be appropriate for older *Family Formation* students as well. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjwPsZaK4Do>



ALL VOCATIONS ARE MODELED AFTER THE TRINITY

This activity from *Look to Him and Be Radiant* shows what all vocations have in common with the Holy Trinity. You can either use this page on its own or see her blog for a more detailed, crafty version.

<http://looktohimandberadiant.blogspot.com/2015/05/vocations-blessed-trinity-activity.html>