

Marriage Sex & Living Wisely

A resource
for Years 8 - 11
on the subjects of
relationships, marriage
and sex, written
from a Christian
perspective

Module 1

**What is
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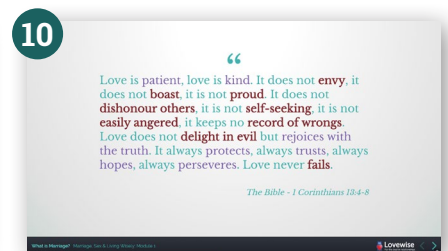
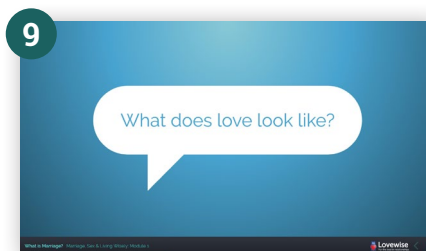
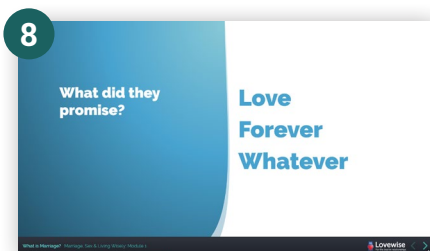
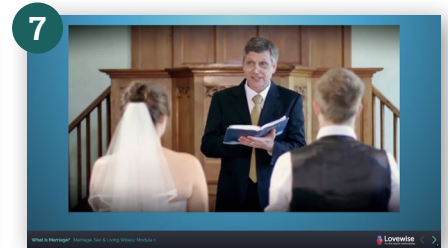
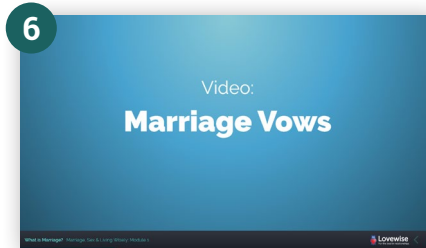
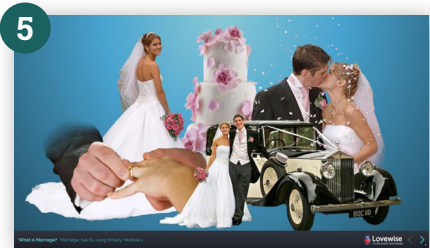
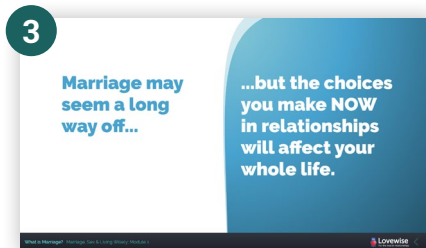
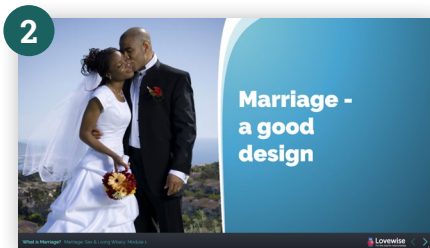
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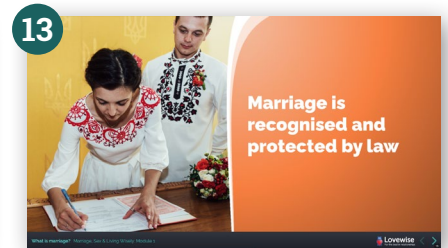
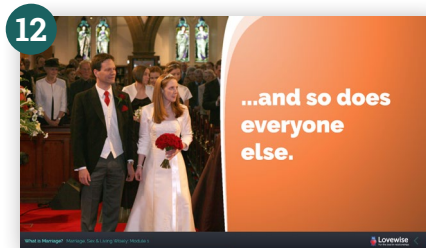
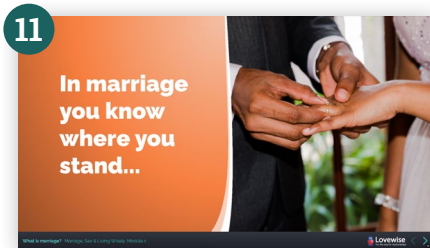
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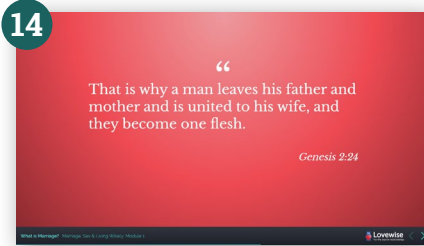


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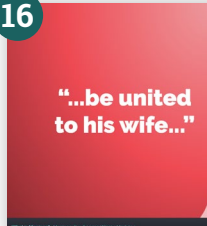
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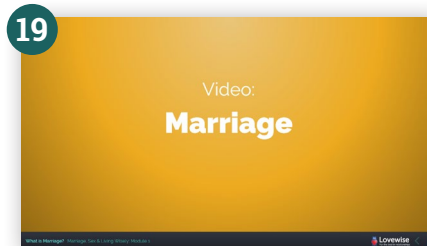
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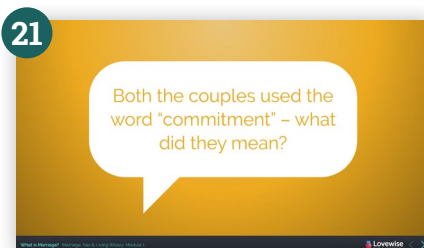


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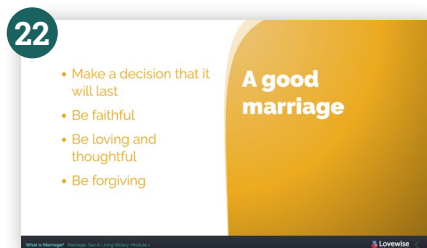
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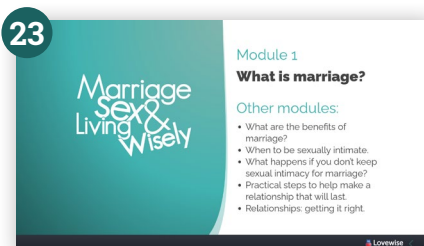
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Using this presentation

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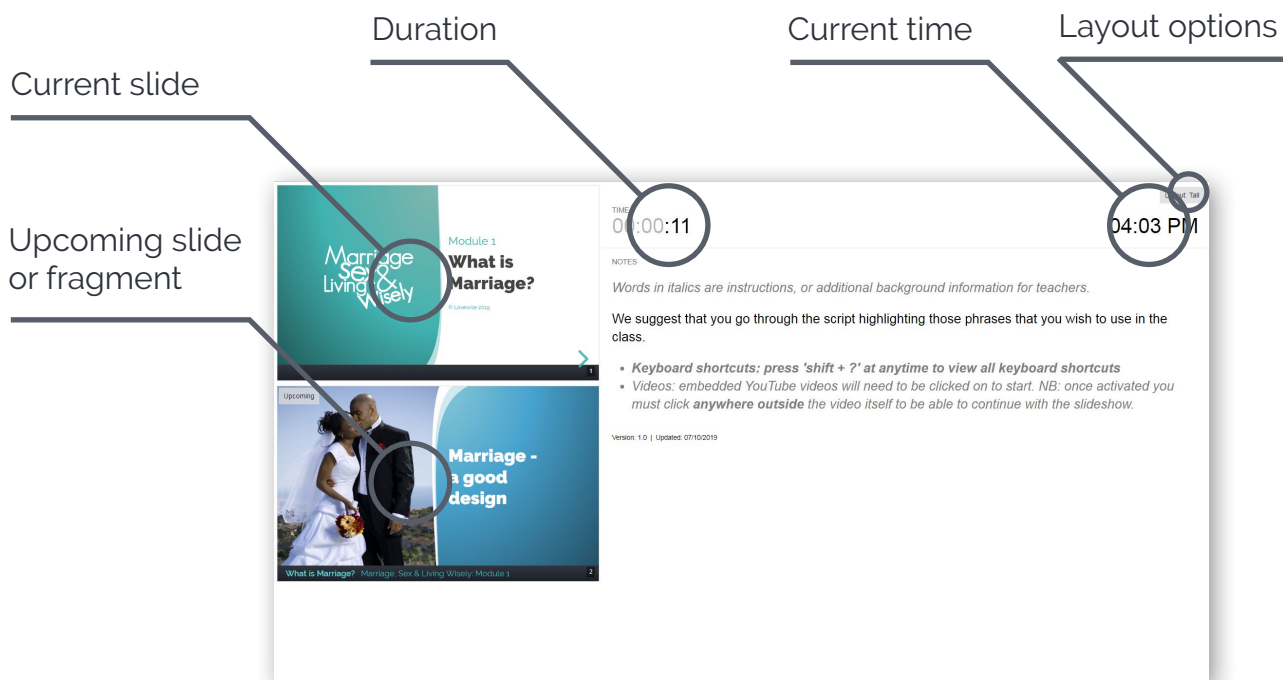
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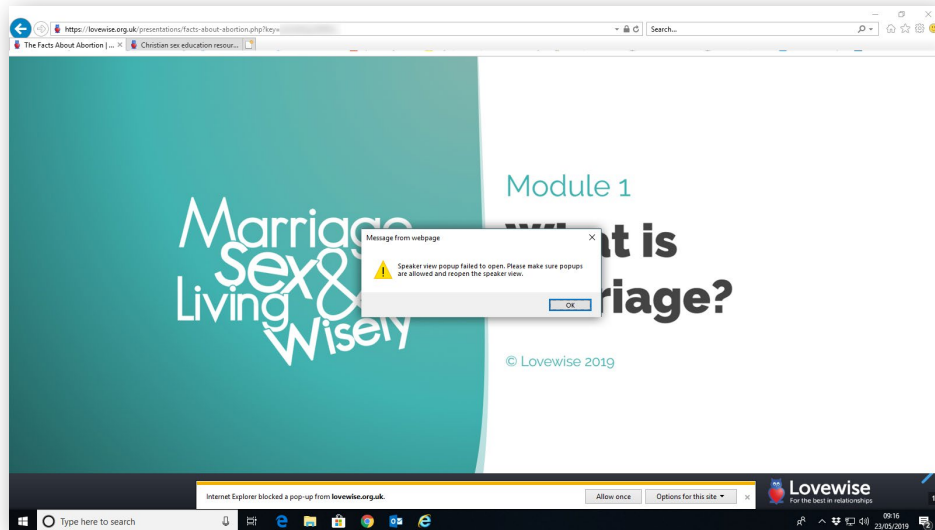
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FIREFOX: Options to allow pop-ups should be available under the “OPTIONS” tab (top-right) > CLICK “Allow pop-ups for lovewise.org.uk”.

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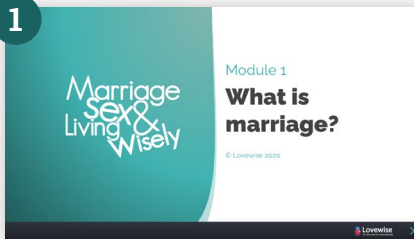
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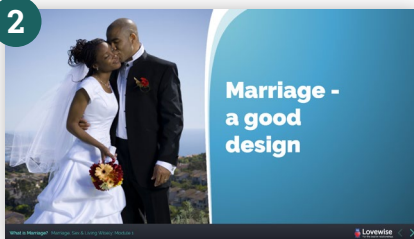
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Marriage - a good design

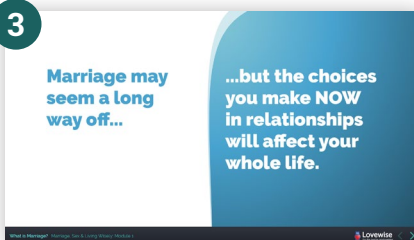
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SLIDE: Marriage - a good design

Marriage is a good design to give a husband and wife lifelong companionship and to provide a secure home for children.

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SLIDE: Marriage may seem a long way off... ...but the choices you make NOW in relationships will affect your whole life.

Good choices have good consequences and bad choices have bad consequences.

Who should we listen to?

We need to consider where we get our advice from. This might include: parents, friends, the media, social media & the internet, books and our religion.

Marriage - a good design (continued)

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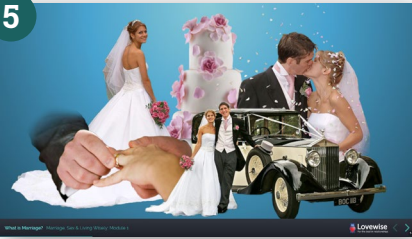
Have you ever been to a wedding?
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SLIDE: Have you ever been to a wedding? What do you remember?

Ask the class to raise their hands if they have ever been to a wedding or seen one in a film. Ask them to mention any things they remember about the wedding.

Some possible answers are pictured on the following slide.

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With each subsequent click, the following images are revealed:

- Cake
- Dress
- Kiss
- Rings / vows
- Car

The vows or promises that the two people getting married make to each other are the essential part of the wedding. The wedding may last one day, but the vows are going to apply for the rest of life.

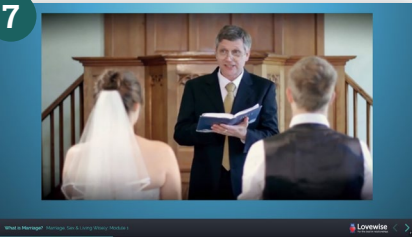
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Video:
Marriage Vows

Let us listen carefully to what the bride and groom say to each other when they make their vows or promises.

A worksheet which explores the marriage vows further is supplied for download: [Marriage Vows worksheet](#)

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Video duration: 2:37

Transcript for reference:

Minister: "We've gathered here in the sight of God and in the presence of this congregation, to witness the joining together of David and Rebecca in marriage. David Paul Baker, will you take Rebecca Starnes as your wife and live together as God has ordained? Will you love her, comfort her, honour and protect her, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others be faithful to her as long as you both shall live?"

David: "I will."

Marriage - a good design (continued)

Minister: "Rebecca Starnes, will you take David Paul Baker as your husband and live together as God has ordained? Will you love him, obey him, honour and protect him, in sickness and in health, and forsaking all others be faithful to him as long as you both shall live?"

Rebecca: "I will."

Minister: (Directs them to face each other)

David: "I, David Paul Baker, take you Rebecca Starnes to be my wife. To have and to hold from this day forward. For better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until death us to part. According to God's holy law, and this is my solemn vow."

Rebecca: "I, Rebecca Starnes, take you David Paul Baker to be my husband. To have and to hold from this day forward. For better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love, cherish and obey until death us to part. According to God's holy law, and this is my solemn vow."

David: "I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honour you. All that I am I give to you and all that I have I share with you. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

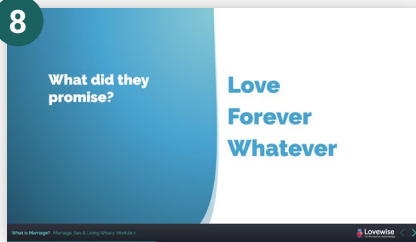
Rebecca: "I give you this ring as a sign of our marriage. With my body I honour you. All that I am I give to you and all that I have I share with you. In the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen."

Minister: (Takes both right hands in his). "Since you have made your vows in the presence of God and this congregation and signified your love with the giving and receiving of a ring - I now pronounce you husband and wife. Those whom God has joined together let no one put asunder."

Minister: "You may kiss the bride."

Marriage - a good design (continued)

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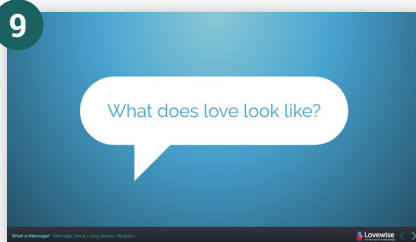
SLIDE: What did they promise? Love. Forever. Whatever.

Ask the class what Rebecca and David promised each other.

The wedding vows can be summarised with the following three words: Love, Forever, Whatever.

- **“To love and cherish”** - You might ask them what they would cherish. It is not a word used very much now, but it means to look after something which is valuable or precious very carefully.
- **“Until death do us part”** - This implies that one or other will be at the other’s death. The commitment is through all the challenges and difficulties of old age as well as sickness.
- **“For better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health”** - You may marry a millionaire, an athlete or a beautiful model but you are promising to stick by each other faithfully even if all the money runs out, they find themselves in a wheelchair or their looks fade.

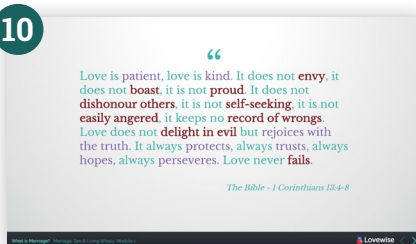
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SLIDE: What does love look like?

It is important to think about what love really is. The word love can be used in many different ways.

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The qualities of true love are described in a passage from the Bible (1 Corinthians 13:4-8) which is often read out at weddings. Imagine how good relationships would be if we loved others like this.

Subsequent clicks highlight the positive and negative attributes referred to in the verses.

Shown first in purple are the practices that demonstrate real love for someone else.

Shown next in red are the practices we are to avoid if we are to be loving towards others.

A worksheet which further explores the idea of what love truly is, is supplied for download: [True Love worksheet](#)

The protection of marriage

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In marriage
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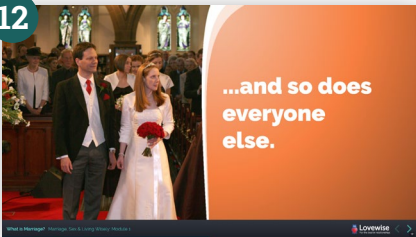
SLIDE: In marriage you know where you stand...

Marriage is a public commitment and a legal contract in the eyes of the state. At the wedding, wherever it is (in a church, a hotel, a registry office or on the beach), the bride and groom make promises to each other, usually in front of family and friends. Everyone knows what is happening.

The couple make their vows to each other and give each other rings which they wear to indicate they are married. A ring is a symbol of unending love.

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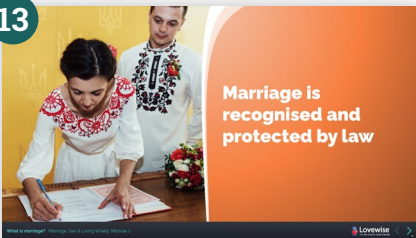


SLIDE: ...and so does everyone else.

Those who come to the wedding hear the commitment that the couple make to each other and have a responsibility to support and encourage the couple in their new life together.

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recognised and
protected by law



SLIDE: Marriage is recognised and protected by law

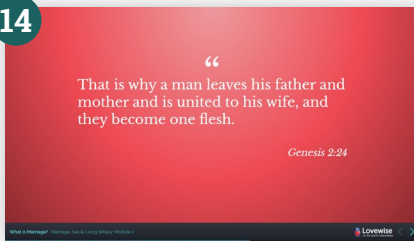
This is the reason that the couple sign a register during the ceremony.

Since 2013 in England and Wales, and 2014 in Scotland, the legal definition of marriage was changed to include same sex couples.

- *Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013*
- *The Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Act 2013 and Marriage and Civil Partnership (Scotland) Act 2014 (Consequential Provisions) Order 2014*
- *For further information regarding marriage and civil partnerships, [click here](#).*

The order of marriage

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SLIDE: That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh. Genesis 2:24

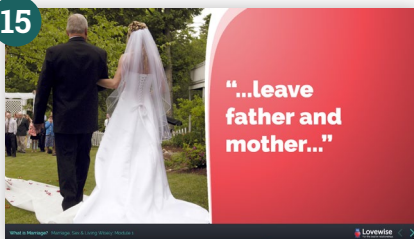
God designed marriage to be between a man and a woman, as described in the Bible.

Note the following from this verse:

1. first, leave parents
2. next, be united in marriage
3. then, become one flesh; that is, physical union between husband and wife in a new family expressed in sexual intercourse - which may lead to having children

It is important to pay attention to God's order in doing things.

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SLIDE: "...leave father and mother..."

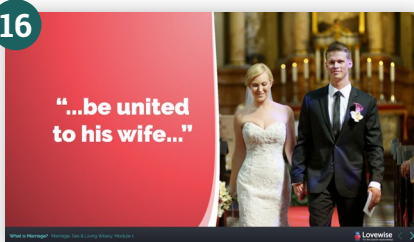
When a couple get married, who does the bride usually arrive with?

Who does she leave with?

This is a picture of an important part of being married; the bride and groom leave their parents and start a new family unit.

Parents will want to support the young married couple but they should not interfere in their lives.

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SLIDE: "...be united to his wife..."

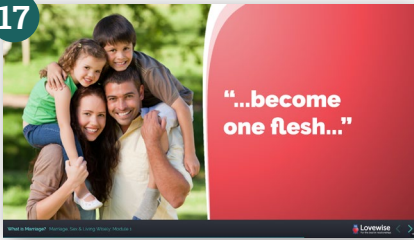
When a couple marry, they are united in many ways. *Ask the class to think of some of these.*

Answers might include:

- a home
- a bank account
- a surname
- bringing up their children together
- having holidays
- sharing their bodies in a sexual relationship

The order of marriage (continued)

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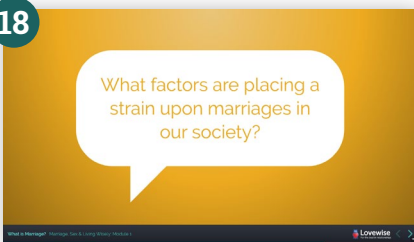


SLIDE: "...become one flesh..."

The relationship in marriage should be so close that it is like becoming one person and this is reflected in the complete physical unity of sexual intercourse, which may lead to the procreation of children.

Making a good marriage

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SLIDE: What factors are placing a strain upon marriages in our society?

Sadly, not all marriages remain happy and some end in divorce. Ask the class what factors might put a strain on a marriage?

Answers might correctly include:

- lack of money
- breakdown in communication
- losing a job
- not being able to have children
- being unfaithful
- use of pornography
- illness or accidents
- having to work away from home
- interfering in-laws
- substance abuse

Couples who face these issues may need to take special care and seek advice and support from family and friends.

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Two couples talk about why they got married and why the commitment of marriage is so special.

These couples are also shown again, discussing the benefits of marriage, at the beginning of Module 2.

Making a good marriage (continued)

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Video duration: 1:47

Transcript for reference:

Martin: "I met Jenny first when we were quite a bit younger. We went to the same youth group but we probably didn't get to know each other until we were about seventeen. I guess I thought she was stunning and liked her personality, her confidence. Spotted her across that crowded youth group and asked her out. Fortunately she said yes!"

Richard: "We met at university - it was a disco evening. Many years ago - 33 years, 35 years ago! Andrea saw me across a crowded room and thought 'yes'." (laughs)

Andrea: "I did."

Richard: "...and here we are. Well we decided to get married - I think it was the natural thing to do. We were getting on really well. We clearly loved each other, and we wanted to build a life together."

Martin: "I think if you realise that you want to spend your life with someone then getting married before you live together is showing that commitment to each other."

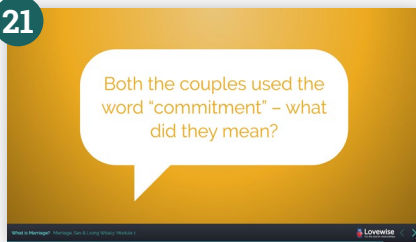
Richard: "If you're not willing to get married - what sort of commitment is that to a relationship? If you're not married, then you just walk off the next day."

Andrea: "I wouldn't have thought a lot about a guy who'd not wanted to commit to me."

Jenny: "Having Martin stand in front of me and say those vows was an amazing thing. To hear him promising 'for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health'. No matter what happens he's going to be there for me, and no matter who else he meets he's going to love me all my life."

Making a good marriage (continued)

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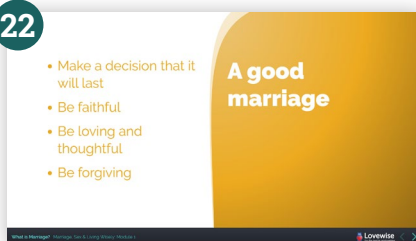
SLIDE: Both the couples used the word “commitment” – what did they mean?

Answers might include:

- always wanting the relationship to work
- being willing to work through things that are difficult
- setting aside time for each other
- making each other a priority

All these can be summarised by living out the vows they made to each other.

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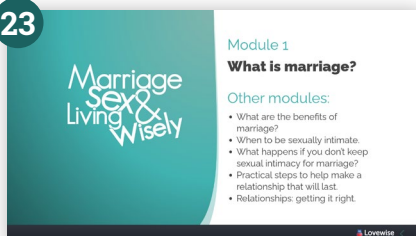
SLIDE: A good marriage

Here are four principles that will help a marriage stay strong and committed:

- **Make a decision that it will last** - We must go into marriage determined that it will work and, if difficulties arise, to work through those difficulties together.
- **Be faithful** - It is essential for a husband and wife to remain sexually faithful to each other.
- **Be loving and thoughtful** - It is important to be loving and thoughtful, even about small things, rather than selfish or thoughtless.
- **Be forgiving** - It is important to forgive each other when you upset or wrong each other.

Other modules

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Other Modules available in the same series:

- What are the benefits of marriage?
- When to be sexually intimate.
- What happens if you don't keep sexual intimacy for marriage?
- Practical steps to help make a relationship that will last.
- Relationships: getting it right.