

## **Topic:** The Ten Commandments – Love Man (Honor Marriage) (2)

Note: The practical applications provided in the lesson are offered as suggestions to help the saints in their preparation. They are not meant to direct or limit the ways in which the focus of the lesson can be applied. The saints are encouraged to pray and contact the Lord to receive His burden and guidance in teaching and applying the lesson. Fellowship with other saints, and inquiring of the children themselves, may also bring out many helpful applications.

### **Elementary:**

Verse: “Honor your father and mother...” (Ephesians 6:2).

Focus: God ordained marriage to be between a man and a woman so that they can be a helper to one another. In God’s arrangement, children receive the best care from having both a father and a mother.

Practical Application: Have the children talk about the different things that their father and mother do for them. Illustrate how it is easier to do things with both a right and left hand than it is with just one hand or even 2 left or 2 right hands.

### **Intermediate:**

Verse: “And Jehovah God said, It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper as his counterpart” (Genesis 2:18).

Focus: God created the woman as a “helper” for the man. The purpose of marriage is so that a man and a woman could help each other to serve God.

Practical Application: Use the example of Aquila and Priscilla to show how a husband and wife served God together. (In 1 Cor. 10:19, the church met in their house, and in Rom. 16:13 they were fellow workers with the Apostle Paul.) Ask the children how their fathers and mothers help each other and complement one another.

### **Advanced:**

Verse: “And God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of heaven and over every living thing that moves upon the earth” (Genesis 1:28).

Focus: God ordained marriage between man and woman so that man would continue to exist and rule over the earth for God.

Practical Application: Discuss with the children the importance and purpose of marriage for serving God and raising children. Point out that it would be more difficult for God to do what He wants to do on the earth if there were not proper marriages.