



the Parish of St. Dunstan

A CHILDREN'S CATECHISM TO ECHO GOD'S LOVE IN THE WORLD

PART II: Our Church

Lesson 27: Marriage

This is the prayer we use to begin our church service:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

I wonder what **love** is.

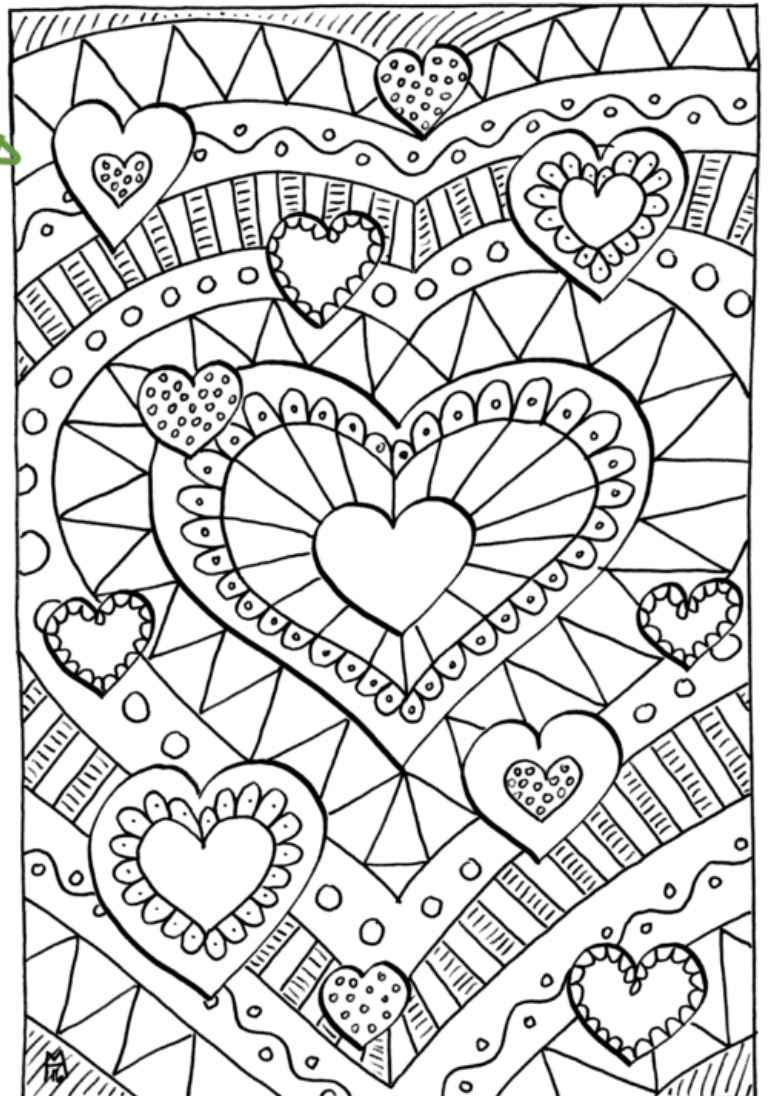
1. Marriage is about love



Love is about bringing things together. In **marriage** we bring two people together to help one another.

Love is about giving things away. In **marriage** two people give themselves to each other. They grow together and are united in **love**, just like Jesus is united to us in bread and wine in Holy Eucharist. They care for each other in good times and in bad times.

Activity:
Colour these hearts.



2. Marriage is walking together

Everyone needs a helper. *Genesis 2:18* Some people choose to get married to their helper as a sign of their love of each other. They **walk together** as a family. They **grow together** as friends. They work **together** as partners. They bless the world **together** with the love that they share. It is important to support people when they get married. At a wedding, the priest asks,

You who are watching these two people promise to live together, will you do all in your power to support and uphold their marriage?
Everyone says (loudly), **We will!**

Activity: I wonder how you can help people love each other.

3. Marriage is a picture of God

God is **love**. *1 John 4:16* Everything **God** does is about **love**. **God** brings the world together just like two people are brought together in marriage.

God wants to bring the world together in **love**. It is sad that people are divided and separate from one another.

One way to talk about **God** is that **God** is **Lover**, **Beloved** and **Love**. **God** is the one who gives **love**, receives **love** and shares **love**.

Marriage reminds us of who **God** is. It is a picture of **God**.

Activity:
Join hands with a parent or a friend and dance together to your favourite song.

