

Distribute copies of the wedding ceremony, and then ask the students to study the words the bride and groom use as they give their vows and exchange their rings. Then ask:

- What is significant about the words that a bride and groom say to each other?
- With divorce so common in our culture, do the promises of a wedding ceremony hold meaning anymore? Explain your perspective.
- What is God's role in a marriage relationship?

Read aloud 1 Corinthians 13. Then ask:

- How would you define the kind of love that the Apostle Paul describes here?
- How is this type of love fulfilled in marriage?
- Do you think it is possible for a man or a woman to love their spouse more than themselves? Explain your answer.
- How or when do a husband and wife need to rely upon God in marriage?
- What excites you about marriage?
- What scares you about marriage?

Close the lesson by reading the wedding vows aloud and sharing some of your own insights about marriage. Invite your spouse, if willing, to also offer some comments and wisdom. If you're single, talk about how the idea of marriage excites you and scares you.