



# Marriage God's Way

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## Why learn about marriage?

In His wisdom God has given us one basic design for forming a family; this design is based on marriage. Over the next few years you will make decisions that might affect whether it will be possible for you to have a family in the way God intends. You will need to think and act in a way that pleases God and not do anything that might spoil this opportunity.



For these reasons, it is important to learn about marriage now, even though actually getting married may seem a long way off.

## Marriage - a special design

Have you ever seen a wedding? Did everyone seem very happy? Was there an exciting atmosphere? Yes, it is obvious to anyone at a wedding that it is a very special occasion. But this is not only because of the dress, confetti and cake; at a wedding the couple show their love for each other by starting the life-long relationship of marriage.





Marriage was designed by God. The first man and woman created by God, Adam and Eve, were also husband and wife, setting a pattern for men and women to follow in the future. These words from the first book of the Bible called Genesis show that this was God's intention:

For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.

Genesis 2:24 (NIV)

This is why marriage is known as a creation ordinance. A creation ordinance is an arrangement, designed by God, which has been present since the creation of the world. Marriage is recorded throughout history and in all the nations around the world, even by people who do not recognise God as its designer.

