



FAMILY STUDY

God's Intention for Romantic Love

The Song of Solomon is an account of the love between Solomon and his betrothed. In this book we see a portrait of leaving your mother and father, cleaving to your spouse, and weaving your lives together with each other. Marriage is a reflection of the kind of love and joy that God has for his people.

Categories of Love

Objectives: Understand the purpose of marriage, dating and relationships
Set your sights on the Lord's plan for the relationships in your life
Have fun with your family

Number of Players: 2 or more

Length: 30 minutes, add or subtract rounds to fit your time-frame.

Set up: Cut out the letters on the next page and put them all in a hat or bowl. Or, if you have the categories game, use the alphabet dice from your game. You can also use the timer from the game.
divide everyone into teams of two and give each team a game sheet. If you have an odd number of players, put a 3rd person on one of the teams. If you are playing with very young children, you should pair them with an older sibling or adult.
Have a timer or a time keeper.
Explain the game to everyone.

Play: Play will begin by picking a letter from the hat (or rolling the alphabet dice). Once the letter has been picked, the timer should be set for 3 minutes. Working in teams and using your game sheets, fill in the blanks with a word that begins with the chosen letter. (Teams should whisper with each other so the other teams don't hear their answers) Any number of words in the answer is allowed, as long as the first word starts with the correct letter.
All teams stop writing when the timer is finished. Following the list, each team, in turn, reads their answer for each category. Teams score zero points for an answer that duplicates another team's answer in that round, and one point for an answer no other team has given.
A new letter is picked from the hat/bowl and the second round starts. Play a total of 3 rounds (one for each column on your game sheet).

Discussion: After you have played the 3 rounds of the game, sit with your family in a circle and discuss some of the answers given and why they are good or poor choices. What does it mean to be pure? How might your children determine to be pure until their wedding night? What are some safe dating practices that your family can institute that will keep your children from temptation/harm? How can everyone in the family practice good relationship skills?

Close in prayer, requesting wisdom and that God would reveal His purpose for your family.



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A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	O
P	Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X	Y
Z				



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GAME SHEET (1 per team)	round 1	round 2	round 3
Famous Husband:			
Somewhere you would take a date:			
Good character trait of a husband:			
Somewhere you would get married:			
Famous Wife:			
Good character trait of a wife:			
How to say "I love you" without using words:			
Where might you meet your future spouse:			
What emotion might you feel in any relationship:			