

Torch Bearers (5 &6)

Lesson No.10

Keep Up the Marital Purity

OBJECTIVE:

The children should understand the significance of purity in a marital relationship, that marriage is a sacred Sacrament and that good families are the backbone of the church and societies.

INTRODUCTION : Teacher will briefly talk about two families:

1st Family: Father, mother and children have love, trust, respect, and care for each other. There is understanding among each member. They say the family prayer together and thank God for all the blessings they receive.

2nd Family: Father, mother and children quarrel among each other. They neither have love, respect, care and share for each other. As well as there is no understanding among each of them. Children disobey their parents.

Ask the students, if given a choice, which family would they choose to live with? Explain why most students have chosen the 1st Family and the importance of love and trust in building families.

PRESENTATION OF THE TOPIC:

Gods Plan for Man: Explain the origin of marital relationship by referring to the Genesis story about Adam and Eve where God blessed them with every minutest things in their life in the Garden of Eden. They did not have to toil all day for their necessities. He had blessed them. Same way today too God blesses every marriage.

Marriage is a promise made between man and woman to be faithful to each other. Just like God is faithful to Israel. The Jews regarded marriage as an ideal state of mind.

Marriage in the New Testament : Explain how in the New Testament Jesus gives us a new meaning to marriage by his presence at the wedding feast of Cana where he performed his first miracle. In marriage man and woman need to see themselves in a covenant which is Holy. If they fail to keep it holy, then the other things like wealth, beauty, status etc. will break the relation. Explain through examples how selfless love should be the basis of family. Draw comparison between the couple and the relationship of Jesus to the church and how Jesus loved the church, to the point of sacrificing his life on the cross to keep it holy. (Eph: Ch 5: 25)

How to keep purity in Marriage: Explain the importance of purity in marriage. One thing every couple needs to be aware is that they are not alone in this journey of life, that God is with them. They are encouraged to build up the Body of Christ, by being pure in their relationship with each other and not coveting a third person.

Remind the students about the forgiving love of God that he does not stop loving and forgiving us despite our sins. We too need to forgive and love one another to receive the blessings we need.

HABIT FORMATION :

- Being pure in speech and actions.
- Build trust in your relationships.
- Practice honesty, be respectful.
- Regularly pray for your family, especially for your parents.
- Seek advice from parents when faced with problems.
- Attend family retreats to strengthen the family bond.
- Make it a point not to miss family prayers.
- Pray for children from broken families.

ACTIVITY :

Group discussion with children in the class on topics like :-

1. How will you be a genuine friend to someone from a broken family?
2. How do you strengthen your relationship with your siblings?
3. What do you value most in your relationships with your family members or friends?
4. What are the values needed to keep a family united?

BIBLE VERSE : Read and learn Mt- 5 : 8

CONCLUSION:

Teacher can conclude by describing how family relationships can be nurtured and strengthened by being honest, genuine, and respectful towards each other, especially the husband and the wife as they build up the body of the Christ which is the Church.

