

# The Royal Love Song



Collegiate Quarterly

## Teacher's Guide

### Materials

Reproducible Activity, Bibles, white board, marker

### Surveying the Source

Song of Sol. 8:6; John 3:16

### Plotting the Course

#### The students will:

- ▶ Acknowledge God as the ultimate authority on matters of sexuality.
- ▶ Discover God's ideal for sex and marriage.

- ▶ Commit to cultivate healthy relationship habits.

### Preparing to Lead

We live in a world where sex, marriage, and love are objectified. The sacredness of sex is no longer present even in the church. Music videos and movies are all about sex and shameless nakedness—as they say, sex sells. While Hollywood is portraying its own ideas of sex, marriage, and love to the public, the

church is often silent and these topics become taboo. Some young people now even prefer to marry outside the church. The youth rely more on Hollywood to teach them about love and sex without realizing that the true Educator is the Creator of love, marriage, and sex—God.

### Getting Started

**A.** Separate the class into groups of three. Task them to talk about a love song that they consider an all time classic. How does that song make them feel? What are some of the words that really touch them? Now compare and contrast some of the words to the memory verse “Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is as strong as death, jealousy as cruel as the grave; Its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame” (Song of Sol. 8:6). Talk to the class about the love of God referencing John 3:16.

**B.** Ask the class to close their eyes and picture their ideal marriage or relationship. With their eyes closed, ask them to shout some of the things they are picturing. As they say them aloud, write them on the whiteboard. Now, divide them into groups of three and discuss what would hinder them from achieving the items on the board. Introduce the importance of daily communication to ensure a healthy relationship. Regroup and *ask*: “Can someone experience a loving marriage without loving God?” Refer to Wednesday's lesson.

## Delving Into the Word

**A.** Sexuality is a sensitive topic and is not often not discussed in the church. Sex, when properly used can be a wonderful and enjoyable thing in marriage. It is also important to address sexual immorality. We must start from the origin of it all—the Garden of Eden.

After God created Adam, He created Eve; and then He said that the two shall become one flesh. Discuss what God meant by the two becoming one flesh. Read 1 Cor. 6:12–20. Paul asked the Corinthians to flee sexual immorality because sexual sin is a sin against your own body. Read from Sunday’s lesson: “Sexual impurity hinders and flaws the image God intended for humanity to experience within a marriage.” We must abstain from sexual immorality but within the confines of marriage, should we not enjoy sex? Ask someone to read 1 Cor. 7:1–5 and another Heb. 13:4. Watch this video and discuss it afterwards: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=YF09SqZ1NbM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YF09SqZ1NbM)

**B.** God is the ultimate Lover because He is love. As humans, we cannot fully experience love until we experience God, the Creator of love. God has created marriage and sex to be enjoyed in the context of love. Group the class into two different teams, each discussing one of the sub-topics: love and marriage; or love and sex.

The first team should consider the following passages: Song of Sol. 1:2; Eph. 5:25; 1 Cor. 8:3. *Ask* them to discuss as a group: “What is your understanding of love as described in these passages? Do you believe that love requires actions? Does one of the actions have to be sex?”

The second team should consider the following passages: Gen. 2:24; Isa. 54:5; 1 Cor. 7:1–5; Eph. 5:25–33. Ask them to discuss as a group: “What is your idea of a strong and healthy marriage? Do you believe that God must be present in a marriage for it to work? Can sexual impurities as described in 1 Cor. 6:12–20 destroy a marriage?”

## Discussing the Ideas

1. Is communication key to a successful marriage? Why then do Christians do such a poor job at communicating with our first Husband, Christ?
2. For Adam and Eve to multiply, they had to interact sexually. Why does sex carry such negative connotations today?
3. Why is sex so objectified and no longer considered something special to be shared between husband and wife?
4. We live in a world where virgins are

often ridiculed. How can we ensure that we remain pure until marriage?

5. Do you truly believe that God can forgive and restore those who have fallen into sexual impurity?
6. Can spending time with God help us in our marriages and sexual lives?
7. Does God still require sexual purity or is that an antiquated teaching?
8. How do social media and Hollywood shape your views of marriage and sex?

## Closing the Activity

God has created sexual intimacy for a husband and a wife to enjoy. However, the enemy tries to minimize its value by making premarital sex the norm. Sadly, many of us have fallen into this trap. But, there’s hope! God can restore us and put together the broken pieces. All we need is

a contrite heart and complete surrender. The love of Christ will keep our hearts and minds as we commit to wait until marriage. Then, we can experience true love, the presence of God Himself, in our marriage.

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Consider the repercussions of premarital sex as listed below from: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=YF09SqZ1NbM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YF09SqZ1NbM)  
 Reflect on why you would not want to experience those repercussions and write your reasons in the right column.

Repercussions of Premarital Sex	Undesirable because...
1. Premarital sex can create comparisons	
2. Premarital sex clouds your judgment	
3. Premarital sex can lead to feelings of shame	
4. Premarital sex could have consequences we are unprepared for	
5. Premarital sex hinders your relationship with God	
6. Premarital sex can ruin your reputation	
7. Premarital sex alters your view of sex	
8. Premarital sex nurtures a premature commitment to an unhealthy relationship	