**Kids Talk Outline**

Anthropology – Meant to be

Hi Everyone

Thanks so much for giving our Kids Talk this week. Kids Talks are a moment when we can encourage, teach and delight in our children as well as learn in a clear, creative and visual way as whole church family. Kids talks are also a touch point for our adults to discuss with our children about what we are learning at Church, and they model to parents the way we teach and apply God’s word to children.

Here are a few tips for preparing and giving a kids talk.

**Preparing well**

1. Pray and read the passage as few times, read through the Kid’s Talk outline.

1. Make sure you have one big clear idea and think through how you will illustrate this. Aim to make Jesus the highpoint and link the illustration through to him and us.
2. Remember we are just introducing the big idea/theological concept or narrative we are learning about - the detailed teaching will happen in the sermon and kids’ church.
3. Practice your kids talk a few times – we are aiming to keep them to 3-4 minutes
4. Any visuals need to be large so everyone can see them (if you want them on the screen, they need to be sent to Curtis by COB Wednesday)

**Giving a Kids Talk**

1. Check in with the sound desk about your microphone – use the headset and handheld microphones for anyone assisting
2. Join pre-service prayer
3. At the beginning welcome the children to the front and introduce yourself
4. Address and speak to the children (while we are all learning together as a church family– keep your eyes and language toward the children in front of you). We are aiming the kids talks at about preschool - kindy aged, knowing there are babies right through to year 6’s participating.
5. At the end you are going to send the children off to kids’ church – see the blurb at the end of the kids talk for the most helpful way to do this ☺
6. Get some feedback – chat with the MC or congregational pastor, Naomi or a Kids Church Team leader for feedback to be encouraged and keep growing.
7. Feel free to contact me during the week to chat through ideas, I’m happy to help you prepare and practice or put you in touch with someone else who can.

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Bible Passages that are helpful references/background:

**Gen 2:24**

**24**Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

### [Genesis 24:67](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Genesis+24%3A67&version=ESV)

Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted

### [Isaiah 54:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+54%3A5&version=ESV)

For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

### [Isaiah 62:5](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+62%3A5&version=ESV)

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

### [Malachi 2:14-15](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Malachi+2%3A14-15&version=ESV)

But you say, “Why does he not?” Because the Lord was witness between you and the wife of your youth, to whom you have been faithless, though she is your companion and your wife by covenant. Did he not make them one, with a portion of the Spirit in their union? And what was the one God seeking? Godly offspring. So guard yourselves in your spirit, and let none of you be faithless to the wife of your youth.

[**Matthew 19:2-9**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+19%3A2-9&version=ESV)

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.”

**1 Corinthians 6:14-17**

**14**By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also. **15**Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never! **16**Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said, “The two will become one flesh.”[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1%20Corinthians%206&version=NIV#fen-NIV-28484b)] **17**But whoever is united with the Lord is one with him in spirit

### [Ephesians 4:2-3](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4%3A2-3&version=ESV)

With all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace

### [Revelation 19:7-9](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+19%3A7-9&version=ESV)

Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”— for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

Summary

Marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman, a union in which God joins a man and a woman together, making them ‘one flesh’. Those who are married are to guard and protect their marriage, being faithful to one another.

‘Holdfast’ is translated in the NIV as ‘united’, it can also mean joined, linked. One flesh indicates – one person/body. Complete/perfect unity in body and Spirit. The language of ‘union’, ‘one flesh’, and ‘holding fast’ all imply the sexual bond or intimacy of marriage.

The bible also uses the language/imagery of ‘bond’ or ‘cords’ when describing relationships.

God the Father is described as being a ‘husband’ or ‘bridegroom’ to Israel, and Jesus’ relationship to the Church is described in similar language of husband and bride.

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Bible Passage: Gen 2:24, Gen 24:67

Key Idea: God made us to enjoy perfect and close relationships with one another.

Props: Paper people cut outs, stickers to connect, glue to connect, screws or similar to illustrate God’s relationships that are unbreakable, felt board and felt for Isaac and Rebeka

1. **Introduce & Explain (**the key idea we are learning from the bible)

The topic this week in our ‘Meant to be Series’ is relationships.

Part of being made in God’s image is that God has designed us to enjoy close relationships.

God himself enjoys close and perfect relationship. The bond between God the Father, God the Son and God the Spirit can never be broken, they are perfectly and completely joined to one another. (Show three rings joined together that can’t be broken apart )

Like God, we are made to enjoy close relationships. Close relationship with him and close relationships with each other. There are three special relationships with each other that God has designed us for.

God made us to enjoy close friendships (show two people – whose hands are stuck together with sticker)

God made us to enjoy close family relationships – like the bond between a Mum or a Dad and their children. (Mum and Dad and child - joined together with hearts)

When we become adults, God made us to enjoy being close to our husband or our wife, to enjoy being married. (show male/female cut out).

1. **Illustrate**

One of my favourite bible stories about a marriage - is the story of Isaac and Rebekah. (Isaac and Rebecca - Felt

Abraham was getting very very old (about 150) and Sarah had died. Abraham sent his servant off to his family, back in his home country, to find a wife for his son Isaac just as God had told him to do.

The servant prayed to God on his way, that God would help him find a wife of Isaac.

When he got to the town, he sat his camels down beside the well (he took 10, loaded up with lots of beautiful and expensive gifts, because God had made Abraham very rich).

He prayed and asked God that when all the women came out to the well to get water, the woman who he asked to give him a drink, would be the wife for Isaac. He would know it was the right woman because she would say “let me give water to the camels as well”

And that is just what happened. When the women came, the servant asked one of the women, Rebeka, for a drink of water, and she gave him some water, and “let me water the camels as well”. The servant asked Rebeka about her family, and it turned out she was part of Abraham’s family, and would be the perfect wife for Isaac. The servant went with Rebeka, he asked her family and Rebeka if she would be willing to come and marry Isaac. And she said yes!!

Rebeka travelled back to meet Isaac. When she arrived near Isaac’s home, it was evening time, Isaac was in the field, praying and talking to God. Rebeka saw Isaac and Isaac saw Rebeka, he came up to her…. we are told that “he married Rebeka, so she became his wife, and he loved her” Gen 24:67

1. **Link to Jesus & to Us**

Abraham, Isaac and the servant, and Rebeka all chose to trust God and follow his instructions. Following God’s ways was right and really good. Isaac and Rebeka loved each other deeply.

When a man and woman get married, like Isaac and Rebeka, God gives them a special bond, like a glue that holds them together. (Show glue - label on glue that says sex)

It is like a really really strong and really really special glue.

God tells us that this ‘glue’, is made just for marriages, and is designed to join one man, and one woman to each other for life. (Glue man cut out and woman cut out to each other)

This bond or glue looses its strength and its goodness if it is shared around between other people. (Illustrate – using other cut outs that you stick together/pull apart).

Because this bond or glue is so strong, it is really really painful when our marriages break apart or when it isn’t used kindly.

What God tells us about marriage relationships is right and good, as so keep this bond just between a husband and a wife, and to protect it, to enjoy and use it well.

The special bond in marriage points us to an even greater bond between us and Jesus.

Through Jesus, we can brought into perfect relationship with God.

God calls himself our husband, and calls us, his people, his bride. God loves us so much and has committed himself to loving us forever. Through Jesus we are joined to God, and it is a bond that can never break, it is the perfect relationship that we can enjoy now, that will last forever.

And like marriage, we want to guard and protect our bond with Jesus, loving him fully and completely, and following God’s good ways.

1. **Reinforce**

Let’s pray

1. **Pray**
2. **Send Kids Out to Kids Church**