

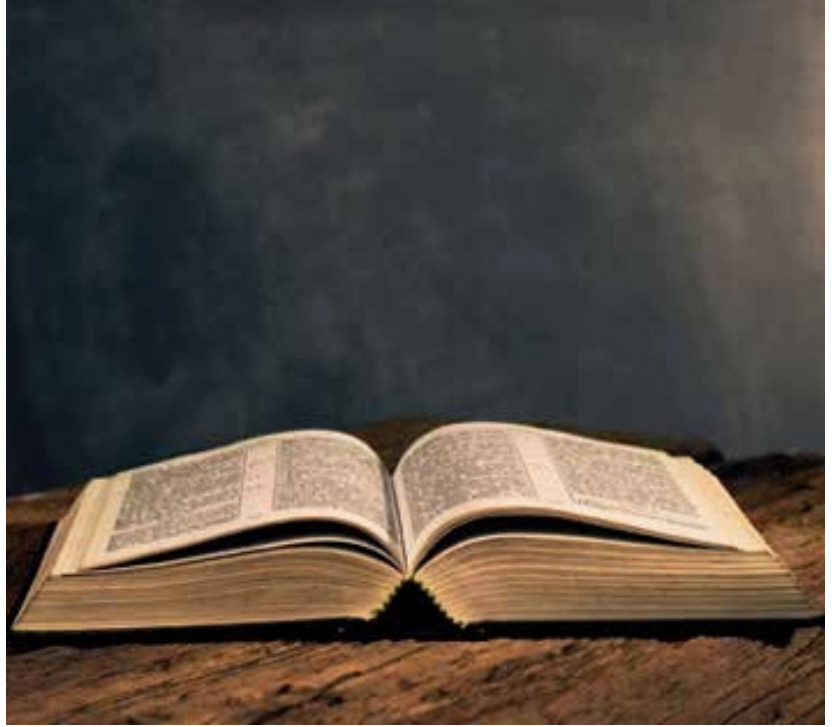
DISCOVER AMERICA

Course 26 - Faith Supplement



Distance and Devotion:
The Letters of John and
Abigail Adams

Memory Verse



Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV)

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Relevant Scripture

Genesis 2:24

Ephesians 5:22-33

1 Corinthians 7:1-16

Faith Supplement

Instructional Goals

- Explain the biblical perspective on marriage as presented in key passages from the Bible, including Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 5:22-33, and 1 Corinthians 7:1-16.
- Help students appreciate the significance of marriage in society, recognizing its role in providing stability, support, and companionship for individuals and families.
- Examine the historical example of John and Abigail Adams, understanding the importance of communication, commitment, and partnership in marriage through their correspondence.
- Provide an opportunity for students to apply the lessons learned from biblical teachings and historical examples to reflect on the importance of marriage in their own lives and in contemporary society.
- Encourage students to incorporate the memory verse from Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 into their comprehension of the lesson, acknowledging its pertinence to the notion of marriage and interpersonal connections.



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The Sacred Bond of Marriage

A Mini-Lesson

Objective

Students will understand the importance of marriage as reflected in the Bible and exemplified through the correspondence of John and Abigail Adams.

Introduction

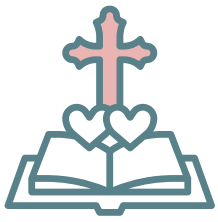
- Begin with a discussion on the concept of marriage. Ask students what they think marriage is and why it is important.
- Introduce the memory verse from Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 and discuss its meaning in the context of marriage.

Biblical Foundation of Marriage

1. Read and discuss relevant Bible passages on marriage, such as Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 5:22-33, and 1 Corinthians 7:1-16.
2. Encourage students to reflect on the roles and responsibilities of husbands and wives as outlined in these passages.
3. As a class, create a T-chart with roles and responsibilities of husbands in one column and roles and responsibilities of wives in the second column. Guide students to understand the importance of both.

Importance of Marriage in Society

1. Discuss the significance of marriage in society, including its role in providing stability, support, and companionship.
2. Explore the benefits of marriage for individuals and families, such as emotional support, shared responsibilities, and the raising of children.



John and Abigail Adams - Course 26

The Sacred Bond of Marriage (Continued)

John and Abigail Adams

1. Review background information on John and Abigail Adams and their relationship.
2. Review the importance of letters exchanged between John and Abigail Adams, highlighting their love, support, and partnership.
3. Discuss how their correspondence demonstrates the importance of communication and commitment in marriage.

Activity: Reflective Writing

1. Have students reflect on the importance of marriage based on what they have learned from the Bible and the letters of John and Abigail Adams.
2. Encourage students to write a short reflection on what marriage means to them and why they think it is important in today's society.

Conclusion

1. Summarize the key points discussed in the lesson, emphasizing the importance of marriage as reflected in the Bible and exemplified by the relationship of John and Abigail Adams.
2. Review the memory verse from Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 and encourage students to memorize it as a reminder of the value of companionship and support in marriage.

