

Genesis 1:27 (NIV) So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

1. Why did God create males and females?

Genesis 2:24 (NASB)

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

2. Why did God give us marriage between a male and female?

Genesis 1:28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.

3. Why did God give us the capacity to have children and become families?

What does it mean to be created in the image of God?

1. We are created to be eternal beings. .
2. We are created with the capacity to create.
3. We are created with a will and a purpose.

God has revealed Himself as a plurality of personhoods with singular purpose.

God, Himself, is a community.

The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are described as one God, with 3 personhoods and a singular unified purpose.

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The purpose of marriage is to experience unity / oneness.

We are thankful for and celebrate...

The love God has given women and mothers and grandmothers in particular for us.

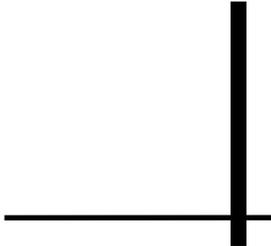
We are thankful for and celebrate...

The unwavering belief a mother has in her child.

1 Corinthians 13:7-8 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

We are thankful for and celebrate...

The nurturing and guidance of women and mothers and grandmothers.



Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother”—which is the first commandment with a promise—“so that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.”

1. This is right.
2. So it will go well with you.
3. So you may enjoy long life.

Life Group Discussion

1. Discuss the importance of our memory verse.
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2. What are some of your favorite memories of you mother?
3. What are some of the qualities of God that you have experienced through your mother?
4. What are the family traditions that we want to hold on to and pass on to our own families?
5. Discuss how God's nature is community.
6. Why is it so important for us not to lose the importance of gender?