

A STRONG CONNECTION

SCRIPTURE:

And He answered and said, "Have you not read that He who created them from the beginning made them male and female, and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined 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 no man separate." (Matthew 19: 4-6)

MATERIALS LIST:

- (1) Wire Connector
- (2) Wires

MAIN MESSAGE:

Plant the seed now about marriage and the importance of selecting the right spouse. As your children become interested in boys/girls, they will need to know to look for qualities in a person that are what they will want to be bound to for life.

SONG: "Who Will Follow Jesus?"

LESSON:

As a father of young children, it pains me to think about that moment when one of our sons will step up and take the hand of his bride from her father and say, "I Do". Probably even more so, it makes my skin cringe to think about the moment where I'll walk my daughter down the aisle and hear the question, "Who gives this woman to marry this man?" I just know there will be a part of me that will want to look around and almost dare someone to speak up and give my daughter away; however, I'm sure that would be too awkward. These thoughts are so difficult for me right now because my children are still very small. Their innocence is evident in the way they play, the unending trust they have, the way they still cuddle into my lap at night to watch a show, read, or even sleep. You know what though? These moments will not last forever, and I know as well as you know, our children have to grown up, and it's God's design that families, Christian families, are created and continue working until Jesus comes back. With me having to swallow that reality pill, as their father, I had better do a great job in pointing them to the Scriptures and teaching them about the magnitude of marriage and, thus, the significance about wisely choosing a godly spouse.

The electrician who wishes for two wires to be joined together, spliced, has a few options, none of which are as strong nor sufficient as using a wire connector. Designed to receive two wires that have been twisted together, the wire connector is simply tightened until there is such a strong bond that even a good pull can't dislodge them. The bond is secure from the elements and is ready to stand the test of time.

In marriage, God is the wire connector. He is the one who seals and joins the two wires, that would be the people. His bond is strong and secure, unlike other methods that our world says are "OK" to use. Since this bond is meant to last, it's so important to teach our children what type of wire they should be looking for. What qualities make for a godly man? A godly woman? It's up to us parents to guide and direct our children according to the Word. That even means in this area. Go ahead and start talking about the qualities you want for your daughter's spouse or son's spouse.

PRAYER: Pray for the future spouse of your child and for their parents to raise them in a God-honoring home.