
Unit Eleven

Suggested time for unit: Eight 50-minute class periods



Marriage

ISSUE: Marriage

UNIT PROBLEM: What can I be doing now to prepare for marriage later on?

- LESSONS:**
- A. Analyze the influence of values and goals on preparing for marriage.
 - B. Recognize the effect of marriage on relationships with others.
 - C. Evaluate roles in preparing for marriage.
 - D. Assess ways of using resources to prepare for marriage.
 - E. Practical reasoning exercise.
 - F. Test bank.

VALUE ASSUMPTIONS:
(Unit rationale)

GUIDING TOPICS:
(Content)

Lesson A:
SUB-PROBLEM 1
Teens should think about what is important to them in a marriage relationship.

Family functions
Sharing resources, responsibilities, priorities, goals
Kinds of family structure
Nuclear, extended, one-parent, blended
Family stages
Founding, expanding, contracting
Valued qualities in a "date"
Later in a "mate"

Lesson B:
SUB-PROBLEM
A marriage relationship has a profound effect on other important relationships.

Lasting relationships: initiation, maintenance, commitment, termination.
Engagement and readiness
Intimacy

Lesson C:
SUB-PROBLEM
Evaluate roles in preparing for marriage.

Who will do what in the marriage partnership?

Lesson D:
SUB-PROBLEM
Assess ways of using resources to prepare for marriage.

Time
Communication
Money