
LESSON C

Roles and Marriage

FOCUS: Evaluate the possible roles as parent.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Students will examine the parental role of providing a safe, healthful environment and meeting developmental needs for a child. Use Student Handout, "Nurturing Human Development." Parents have a role to nurture and meet developmental needs of their children. Some ways to do this include:
 1. Accept and respect each child as a worthwhile individual.
 2. Care for and love each child.
 3. Help children feel good about themselves.
 4. Provide opportunities for each child to assume responsibilities.
 5. Transmit values.
 6. Guide and discipline
 7. Encourage independence.
2. Students will examine the role that gender plays in parenting. Use Teacher Information, "Gender Boundaries," and Transparency Master, "Baby Care Preferences."
3. Have the students make a list of the new roles that they will have to fill as new parents that they didn't have to do before. Make a list of the new demands that these roles will place on them. Include such things as social, physical, emotional, psychological (post-partum depression), mental, financial, time, etc. Discuss with the students the kind of things they can do to prepare now for parenting that will help ease the demands later. In addition, talk about the expectations or ideas that they have about parenting and how realistic they are.
4. Discuss with the students that becoming a parent is not a short-term or temporary commitment. Emphasize the importance of recognizing that before becoming a parent a person must decide if they are ready to assume responsibility for providing these needs for each child for the rest of their life.

Read, "I'll Love You Forever," by Robert Munsch, Ill. by Sheila McGraw. Firefly Books, 1986.

Nurturing Human Development

A parent's first role is to provide a safe, healthful environment for an infant, including adequate housing, clothing, food, that is free from hazards.

How would an infant's life be different if they were born in China, Spain, Saudi Arabia, or in another part of your state.

Once basic needs of food and shelter are provided for, parents also assume a role to nurture and meet emotional needs. Answer the following open-ended questions. Then circle whether you see this as a high or low value and if you are ready to assume responsibility for providing these needs for a child for 18 to 20 years..

1. As a parent I consider acceptance and respect
 high low Ready to assume responsibility Yes No
2. As a parent I will express love to my child by
 high low Ready to assume responsibility Yes No
3. I will help my child feel good about himself by
 high low Ready to assume responsibility Yes No
4. I will teach him/her what it means to be responsible
 high low Ready to assume responsibility Yes No
5. The value I will pass on will include
 high low Ready to assume responsibility Yes No
6. I will teach him/her about discipline by
 high low Ready to assume responsibility Yes No
7. I will encourage independence by
 high low Ready to assume responsibility Yes No

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The one thing I wish I could pass on to a child of my own is . . .

