

# At-home Bible Study: Family Matters

“The family” isn’t something that came about by accident. God designed the family structure, and he designed it to be a blessing for everyone in it. Yet sin so often ruins God’s good blessings. How can your family be what God wants it to be?

**Today: God created the family to be a blessing  
with God at its center!**

Read  **Genesis 2:4-7,15-18.**

What adjective does God use to describe the various things he created in the following verses of chapter 1: verse 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, 25, and 31. Now look again at chapter 2, verse 18. What do we hear God say for the first time in the creation?

Adam was living in paradise. He was the master of all living creatures. And yet God says, “It is not good for the man to be alone.” What are some blessings that Adam would not experience as long as he was “alone?”

What does the word “helper” tell us about God’s purpose for bringing man and woman together in marriage?

What does the term “suitable” tell us about God’s intentions for the relationship between husband and wife?

Read  **Genesis 2:23-24.**

In verse 23 underline the phrase, “This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.” In the margin write, “This is the attitude of marital love.”

In verse 24 underline “will leave” and “be united.” In the margin write, “Marriage involves: 1) leaving, and 2) cleaving.”

Whenever Kristin has a problem, her husband James is one of the last people that she talks to. He is so consumed with work that Kristin does not think he listens to her. Instead, she calls one of her girlfriends. How would you use God's Word to respond to Kristin and James?

Read  **Joshua 24:1-13.**

In these verses the LORD, through Joshua, recounts the history of the Israelites all the way back to when God called Abraham to live in the land of Canaan. What is the purpose of this history review?

The most significant portion of those verses is found in verse 2 and 3. What was one of God's purposes in having Abraham move away in order to raise his family?

What are some events in your life that you might point to as evidence of God's goodness? Did your family play a role in your receiving these benefits?

Read  **Joshua 24:14-15.**

"Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped." If your extended family has traditions or practices that get in the way of your worship of the LORD, what should you do with those traditions and practices?

Joshua is referring to actual idols — false gods made of wood and stone. What are some modern idols we might need to throw away in our family?

"As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." How does this compare with the first thirteen verses of Joshua 24?

Read  **Psalm 118.** What does God promise to the family whose God is the Lord?

How can you and your family serve the Lord?