

Holy Matrimony

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The Marriage

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3.

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4.

Finally, the Priest asks God to bless the couple, their marriage and the family they will create.



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"God said: it is not good for man to be alone...." **Genesis 2:18**

"God blessed them and said to them, Be fruitful and multiply..." **Genesis 1:28**

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Draw a line from the statements on the left to the matching word on the right.

1. When two people get married they ask God for this.
2. When two people promise to be together forever, they exchange these.
3. The Priest puts these on the couple's head.
4. To show that they will share everything, the couple drink from this.
5. The Priest, the couple and these people walk around the table three times.
6. Through marriage, the couple will create this.

CUP

FAMILY

RINGS

GODPARENTS

BLESSING

CROWNS



PRAYER

O Lord our God, crown them with glory and honor.

- Service of Holy Matrimony -

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{Teacher's Edition}

Lesson Objective: To have children become familiar with the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and the different parts of the service.

Introduction:

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Highlights:

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Activity:

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Service of Holy Matrimony –

Explain to the children that we can say this prayer after the Priest places the crowns on the bride and groom.