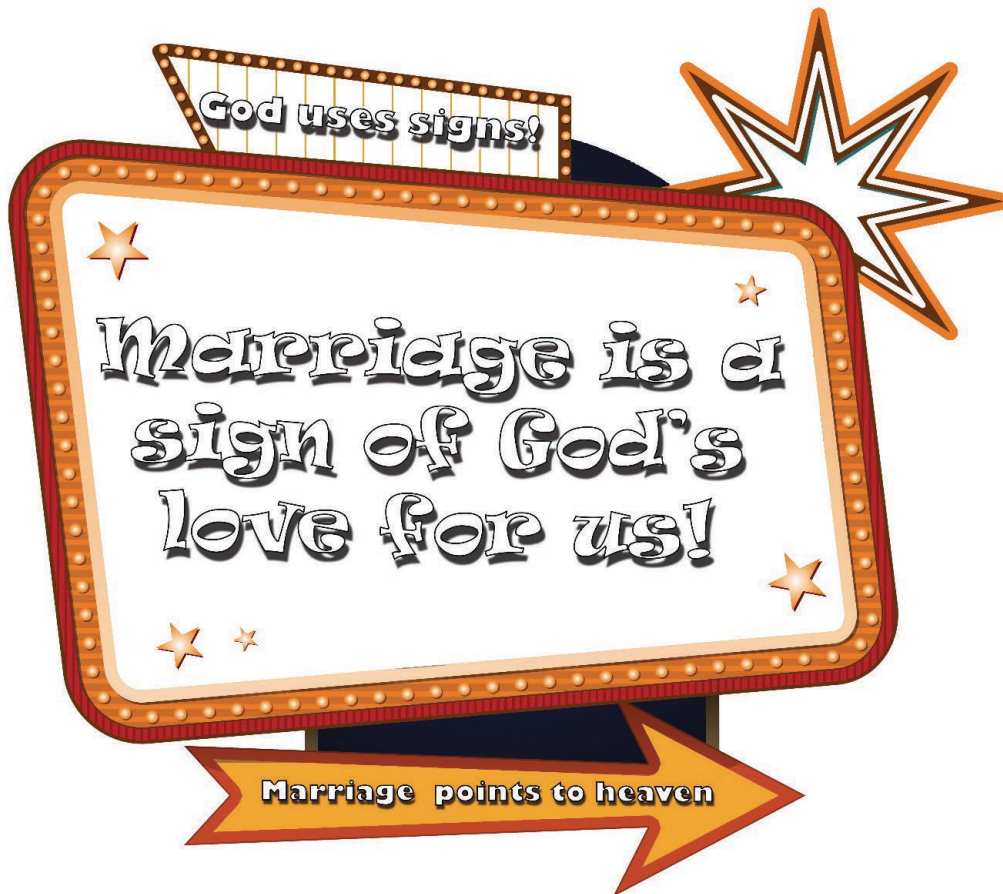


# MARRIAGE IS A SIGN

## MARRIAGE IS A GIFT OF GOD

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**Directions:** In the space below, write one way that the love between a husband and wife is like God's love for us.



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### THEOLOGY OF THE BODY TIDBITS...

In Ephesians 5:21-33 St. Paul relates the love between a husband and a wife to the love between Christ and his Church. Christ is the mystical groom and the Church (which consists of all the baptized Christians) is the mystical bride. This does not mean that God's love is carnal. It means that Christ's pursuit for his bride proceeds from love and he lays down his life out of love for her. St. Paul describes this as a "great mystery."

