

## Genesis 2:18

<sup>18</sup> Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.”

## Genesis 2:21-22

<sup>21</sup> So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man.

## Genesis 2:24

<sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

## Marriage

Marriage is constantly being discussed in our culture. What is marriage? Who is it for? Why do people even get married? Did you know that God created marriage and has a special purpose in mind for it?

1. Read Genesis 2:18, 21-22, and 24. Circle references to the **man** and mark **LORD GOD** with a triangle.

**Reflect:** What did God say was not good for the man? Who did God make for the man?

**Reflect:** How did God make the woman? What did God do after He made her?

**Reflect:** What instruction is the man given concerning his wife? What do man and woman become in marriage?

God had a unique purpose for marriage and He still does. When God made the woman, He designed the perfect helper for the man, but He also intended that the man “hold fast” or “cling” to his wife. When this happens man and woman become “one flesh,” the closest two people can ever be to one another. What a special gift from God this is! In a world full of questions, we can know from God’s Word what God intended marriage to be.