

Religious Education

**Same-Sex Marriage**  
**Lesson 7 of 15**  
**Downloadable Resource**

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## Christians, Muslims and Marriage

Many Christians and Muslims believe that marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_ union. They believe \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ marriage is designed by God to enable \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and for the \_\_\_\_\_ of children for \_\_\_\_\_. Therefore, for Muslims and Christians, marriage is the foundation for family life. As a result, Muslims parents may \_\_\_\_\_ marriages for their children. For some Christians such as the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ church, marriage is a \_\_\_\_\_, which means it is the visible sign of \_\_\_\_\_ grace.

**Copy text. Fill in the Blanks.**

**monogamous, upbringing, sex, orthodox, heterosexual, society, procreation, sacrament, mates, catholic, lifelong, invisible, arrange**



**“Same-sex marriage does not fulfil the Christian purpose of marriage.”  
Match the reason to the explanation. Write these down in your notes.**

<b>Reason</b>
1 <b>P</b> rocreation
2 <b>U</b> nion
3 <b>R</b> earing Children
4 <b>P</b> attern for Society
5 <b>O</b> ne Flesh (Sex)
6 <b>S</b> acrament
7 <b>E</b> ndless or Lifelong

<b>Explanation</b>
A Same-sex marriage is a poor model for the continuation of society because of spouses inability to procreate.
B Same-sex marriage does not enable sex in the way the human body is designed.
C Two married men or women cannot raise their children with respect to biblical teachings.
D Two married men or women cannot be physically or spiritually united by God in the way intended.
E Two married men or women cannot have their own biological children.
F Two married men or women do not usually commit to lifelong marriage before God.
G Same-sex marriage is sinful so cannot impart grace.



**Decide if each point is strong or weak. If the statement is strong, write down 'strong' followed by a reason. If the statement is weak, write down 'weak' followed by a criticism.**

1 **Procreation.** Two married men or women cannot have their own biological children.

2 **Union.** Two married men or women cannot be physically or spiritually united by God in the way intended.

3 **Rearing Children.** Two married men or women cannot raise their children with respect to biblical teachings.

4 **Pattern for Society.** Same-sex marriage is a poor model for the continuation of society because of spouses inability to procreate.

5 **One Flesh.** Same-sex marriage does not enable sex in the way the human body is designed.

6 **Sacrament.** Same-sex marriage is sinful so cannot impart grace.

7 **Endless.** Two married men or women do not usually commit to lifelong marriage before God in civil marriages.

