

Religious Education

Same-Sex Marriage

Lesson 7 of 15

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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.

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

Explanation
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.

