# **Disposition:** Caring for others, animals and the environment

## **Lesson:** Three

### **Question/LO:** How can marriage create an environment for caring? How can promises made at a Christian wedding encourage the couple to care for one another?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious worldviews*Explore how Christian marriage protects and promotes caring.* | Watch short clip of marriage ceremony e.g. the marriage of Prince William. Christian marriage ceremonies begin with an explanation of the biblical basis for marriage. This is taken from Genesis 2: 24-25. Look this up. Discuss from these verses what constitutes Christian marriage. For the complete text of the wedding service including the vows go to the Church of England home page.*As stated in Lesson 1 there is a difference between the civil contract aspect of marriage and the religious/spiritual aspect of marriage.* *In recent years, there has been a debate concerning what is, or is not, a Christian marriage. To reflect the differences in opinion, in some denominations, ministers may choose whether or not to perform a Christian marriage ceremony for a same sex couple. These denominations include Methodism and the United Reformed Church.*The second stage of the ceremony is a declaration made by both bride and groom and also by everyone gathered as witnesses that there is no legal reason why the couple may not be married. After the declarations, the couple make their vows to one another. Examine and discuss the vows. Explore in particular the extent of the commitments made, e.g. health, finances and indefinitely. Explore how these vows would ensure mutual care in the family unit if they were to be kept.Marriage vows are a covenant rather than a contract. In simple terms this means that each promises to the other irrespective of whether the other keeps their promises to them. | Visit:[www.churchofengland.org](http://www.churchofengland.org)Select Prayer and Worship.Select Weddings.Select the Marriage service.There is always a selection of recent wedding videos on YouTube, we STRONGLY suggest you preview any you choose before showing the pupils. At the time of writing, the flowing link is current (2022)<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3i4sHGVWsuM>Emily explains her mum and step dad's wedding:<https://www.truetube.co.uk/resource/christian-marriage/>“Our beautiful Jamaican wedding” see Marcus’ and Paige’s wedding: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4agONiCZcI8> (7 mins 25-15 mins 30)  |
| Learning from faith and non-religious worldviews | Question: Why can making public promises in front of God enable couples to care for each other?What promises would you want to make it another person with whom you planned to share life?Ask pupils in groups to complete a list and see which are most frequent, as a class.Why are some choices of promise less popular?Which promises would be the hardest to keep? | n/a |
| Learning to discern | What are the good things about living in family life?Are promises made before God even more binding?What if the other person breaks their promises? | n/a |