

LOOKING TO THE LORD IN MARRIAGE

True marriage love—conjugal love—is the most special love that the Lord can give us. He is always leading and preparing us for a happy, eternal marriage. All good things come from Him. The worship center we have in our homes symbolizes our acknowledgment that unless the Lord builds the house, we labor in vain to build it (Psalm 127:1). As we look to the Lord in our lives, He can bring us closer to the people we love.

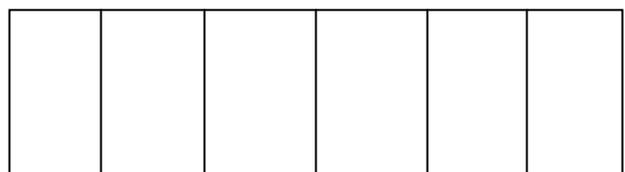
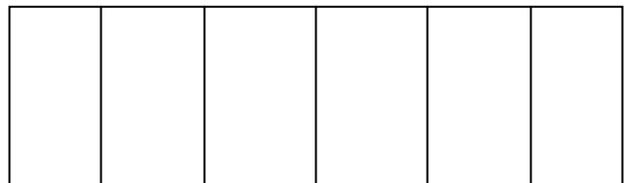
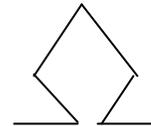
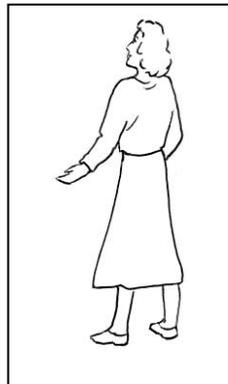
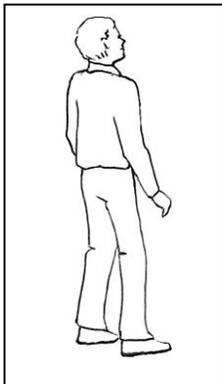
Marriage is a three-way covenant between the Lord and a husband and a wife. This project illustrates this covenant as a triangle with the Lord at the top, the husband on the left, and the wife on the right. As each partner looks to the Lord, he or she draws closer to Him. If both partners are looking to the Lord, they are also moving closer to each other.

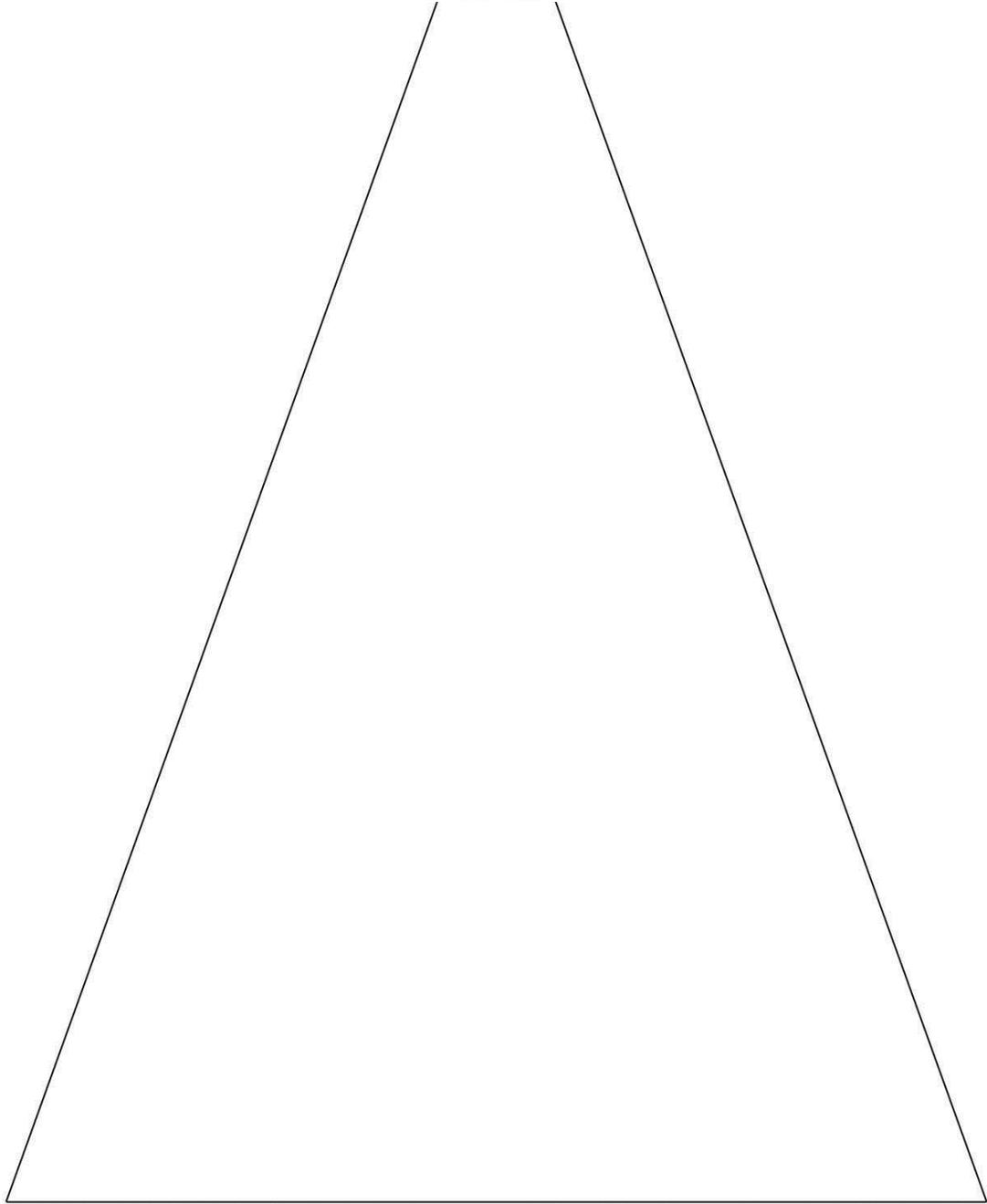
Materials

- cover stock or manila file folders
- triangle (printed or mounted on cover stock OR a half of a manila file folder)
- figures of husband and wife (printed or mounted onto cover stock, manila folder, or index card)
- glue or tape
- Exacto knife or scissors

Procedure

1. Print the triangle (next page). The page needs to be stiff, so you will need to print, photocopy, or mount it on heavy paper such as cover stock. (You could also mount it onto a manila file folder.)
2. Use scissors or an Exacto knife to carefully cut slits along the sides of the triangle, so that the husband and wife can move closer to the Lord. (Note: With scissors, score the paper along the line using sharp edge of one scissor blade.)
3. Color and then cut out the figures of husband and wife. Unless they are printed on heavy paper, mount them onto cover stock or index cards.
4. Attach a handle to the back of each one.
5. One way to make the handles is to cut a rectangle like the one below and then fold it into a diamond shape with two flaps available for gluing onto the back of the figure. (Fold along each solid line, then bend back the outside flaps.) The diamond shape will serve as the handle behind the slit.
6. Insert the diamond handles into the slits before attaching them to the husband and wife figures so that these figures will be in a vertical position (instead of slanting).
7. Notice how the husband and wife come together as they move closer to the Lord!





Husband

Wife