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**FRIENDS ON THE WAY**

A friend is a person with whom you relate with freely. A friend always understands you better than the rest.

**Qualities of a true friend as learnt from Jesus.**

* Selflessness: Jesus showed selflessness as per (John 15: 13)
* Humility: should be humble. The opposite of humility is pride.
* Servant hood (John 13:3 – 11)
* Understanding
* Forgiving (Matt: 6:14)
* Loving
* Respectful
* Patient and tolerant
* Trustworthy
* Open minded
* Honesty
* Loyal

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**How to differentiate a good and bad friend**

Sometimes we find ourselves in situations when we need advice. Every person needs advice. Even the president of our country has advisors. But not all advice is good. In 1 Kings 12: 6 – 19, talks about King Rehoboam

Things to consider before taking an advice

* Good advice should be Godly. (referred to the RE bk 6 page 107 – 108)
* Good advice should promote peace.
* Good advice should promote respect for others

Discussion (what advice would you give a child who wants to leave school for home because of being bored with school life?

memory verse :get all the advice you can, any you will succeed, without it you will fail (proverbs 15:22)

My promise

I will only take and use good advice.

Exercise 35 on Mk RE bk 6 page 109

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**The value of true friends**

* A true friend has a lot of value

Such friends encourage us whoever we seem to be getting tired or losing hope.

* Friends advise us in situations when are not sure of what to do.
* A true friend tells you the different ways in which you can get over or behave in a certain situation.
* Friends also go ahead to advise you on the best option.

**Note:** Friends also give advice by supporting us in form of money, prayer, food, conversation, company and things of the like. Complete the proverb; A friend in need is, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Quotation: Let other people advise you but not decide for you. Interpretation, listen to the advice given to you and take the best out of it.

Memory verse: Proverb 25:19

My promise: I will always encourage, advise and support my friends in times of trouble.

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**MARRIAGE**

What is marriage?

Marriage is the legal union of a man and woman as husband and wife.

Marriage is a social institution in which children are legitimately brought in the world.

**Types of marriage**

1. Customary marriage
2. Religious marriage
3. Civil marriage

**(i) Customary marriage**

This is the union of a man and a woman performed to traditional culture

**Characteristics of customary marriage**

* Marriage agreements are between families
* Customary marriage tolerates polygamy
* The groom pays bride price
* Conducted after introduction

**Note:** This kind of marriage does not support adultery and divorce.

**(ii) Religious Marriage**

This is the union of a man and woman conducted un the church or mosque by a religious leader. During such, the marriage partner exchanges the vows, rings and finally a marriage certificate is always signed.

* Holy matrimony is monogamous while Nikkah in Islam is polygamous.

**(iii) Civil marriage**

This is union between a man and a woman performed and registered by the monogamous and couples need to agree to be married with a marriage certificate signed at the end.

Similarities between Religious and civil marriage

* Both exchange wedding vows
* Both are based on monogamy
* Both can marry when one partner dies.

Monogamy is where a man marries only one wife while polygamy is where a man marries two or more wives.

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**Pre-conditions of choosing a suitable partner**

* Family approval - personal health - religion
* Sociability - beauty - self control
* True love - Good reputation - true love
* Faithfulness - Rate of patience - Mutual cultural background
* Age difference - trustworthiness - boys should be more or equally educated
* Personal appeal between the two partners(interest)

**Reasons why people marry**

* To bear children
* For sexual pleasure
* To get protection in case of danger
* To fulfill God’s command and promote unity.

Steps taken before any proper marriage

* Dating - Visiting each partner’s - courtship

**Characteristics of a happy marriage**

* Trust - Mutual love - faithfulness - patience
* Humidity - Transparency - Bearing children
* - Fulfillment of marital duties - generosity to each other

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**Disadvantages of pre-marital sex**

* may get STDs/ AIDS
* social misfit / getting ashamed
* reproduce bustards
* makes it hard to get better marriage in future
* Embarrassments
* imprisonment for defilement
* unwanted pregnancies
* may lead to drop out from school
* disappointing of parents
* may end up running away from home for safety
* failure to meet fathering duties

**Ways of avoiding early sex / fornication**

* Having self control
* Spending time in fellowship
* Having good peer groups
* Discussing any challenges with parents and teachers
* Seeking guidance and counseling

Prevention of sexually transmitted diseases is through abstaining from sex until marriage.

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**Biblical teachings and laws on marriage**

Memory verse: 1 cor .7:2

Matt: 19: 3 – 6

19: 7 Rules on marriage

Exo: 20:14

1cor: 7:1 - 16

* The union of a man and woman makes them become one.
* Marriage is based on love and respect.
* No man should separate what God has put together.
* Christians marry for life.
* Religious marriage should be monogamous.
* The church does not accept divorce.
* One can only remarry when the partner dies.
* Adultery is not allowed.

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**DIVORCE**

Divorce is the breaking up or separation of a husband and wife from the home. Divorce refers to broken homes.

**Factors that lead to divorce**

* Unfaithfulness
* Disobedience
* Constant fighting and quarrels in the home.
* Being unforgiving to each other.
* Failure to show love, kindness and respect to each other.

**How to protect true marriage from divorce?**

* By avoiding adultery
* Being kind to each other
* Being faithful to each other
* Being honest to each other
* Loving each other
* Being sincere to each other
* Being helpful to each other
* Obeying each other

**Effects of divorce**

* Insecurity in the home
* Children grow up undisciplined
* Leads to street children
* Leads to missing parental love and care.

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**CHRISTIAN INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORLD**

Using our Talents to improve the World

Talents are natural gifts God give us. Talents can also be referred to as special abilities.

They include singing, playing musical instruments, playing football, running and dancing.

**Note:** Christians should use their talents to develop the world and themselves.

That is why Christians are referred to as sugar and salt of the world.

Jesus encouraged his followers not to neglect their talents as per the parable of **the three servants.**

In Matt: 25:14 – 27

Mathew 25:30

This parable teaches us that God expects all Christians to use their talents for the benefit of themselves and others. Every Christian will one day have to give an account of how he used his / her talents. Those who will use their talents properly will be rewarded at the end and the vice- versa.

Memory verse: But it is one and the same spirit who does all this as he wishes he gives a different gift to each person. 1 Cor: 12:11

My Promise: I will use my talents to benefit others.

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**THE NEED TO CO-OPERATE IN ORDER TO MAKE THE BETTER PLACE**

**Co-operation means bringing together knowledge, wisdom and abilities to overcome a given task.**

Example of a project to alleviate poverty in your community. The project administrators, planners, accountants, porters and cashiers

For may project to succeed, it should be a combination of many talented people.

In order to make our World a better place, we need to lead a life full of love, peace and unity. It should be every one’s role to practice justice in all situations.

**Possible ways of co-operation**

* Through good leadership
* Through good and democratic laws.
* Through concern for the welfare of other people.
* Through working hard
* Through provision of welfare of other people.
* Through working together
* Through obedience and fear of God.
* Through leaders being open.

**Memory verse: Colossians 3:12 – 15.**

**My promise:** I will co-operate with other people in order to build a better world.

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**The role of Christian Organizations in developing the world.**

There are many Christian Organizations that offer free services to people and the above are known as voluntary organizations.

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| **Organization** | **Voluntary work** |
| Christina children’s fund (C.C.F)  World Vision International  Adventist Development Relief Agency (ADRA)  Compassion International  Young Christian Association(YMCA)  Mother’s Union  Catholic Women’s Guild  Scripture and Christian Union | Sponsors needy children in their education.  Also provides health care for such children.  Supports orphans, promotes the welfare of peasants, builds schools, clinics and provides safe water sources.  Facilitates schools, caters for people hit with disasters, and builds medical centre’s and safe water sources.  Caters for orphans, gives materials to the needy, pays fees, for the needy children.  Provides education, counseling and sponsorship of students.   * Promotes women’s projects * Offers counseling to the married women and those seeking marriage.   Promotes women’s projects.  Promotes the teaching of the word of God in schools and institutions. |

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**Contribution of science, technology and education to the development of the world**

- Technology is the practical way of using science to solve some of the day today problems.

* Technology in transport and communication
* Technology in building
* Technology in food preservation
* Technology in entertainment
* Technology in power production

Activity: The teacher together with the learners will discuss how teachnology has promoted the above sectors with relevant examples.

**Negative effects of technology**

* Increased air and water pollution
* Increased rate of unemployment
* Interference with culture( people watch movies that seduce them into immoralities like homosexuality, lesbianism and terrorism
* Increased death rate.

**Memory verse**: Don’t do anything from ambition or from a cheap desire to boast, but be humble towards one another, always considering others better than yourselves.

**Phill: 2:3 My promise:** I will only use science according to God’s will.

Exercise 41 on Mk Standard R.E bk 6 page 128.

Using a thread, wax and a tin, make a candle.

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**NATIONAL LAWS AND RULES FOR THE WELL BEING OF ALL.**

Just like God gave the Israelites the Ten Commandments, to

* Promote holy living among the Israelites
* Maintain peace and order
* Know their rights and restrictions
* Have respect for one another

Like wise, our government makes laws and rules for a purpose.

* Protect people and their rights, promote peace and order, distribute responsibilities e.g 1995 constitution that defines the roles of a citizen as,

**Questions**

1. What is a constitution?

2. How is a constitution different from national constitution?

3. Suggest any four duties of a good citizen.

4. What does the Bible teach about authority?

**Memory: Romans 13: 1 – 7**

Memory: Titus 3:1

My promise : I will be obedient to national laws.

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Exercise in R.E bk 6 page 132.

God likes people who know their duties and fulfill them. Sometimes people neglect their duties and responsibilities. This also causes suffering to others,

Read the story on page 133 and answer questions below.

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