

St. Aloysius Religious Education 2018-2019
5th Grade

4:00pm Welcome (*To ensure accuracy, **class attendance must be accurately recorded by a catechist and not another student - class attendance is an official document retained by the parish and the diocese***)

4:05pm We Gather - in Prayer at the prayer table
(*use colored table covering for appropriate liturgical season*)
Use the Gospel Reading “Hearing the Word” from the previous Sunday in Celebrating Sunday for Catholic Families book in the prayer box

4:10pm Review previous lesson using Sharing Faith (*chapter test in student book*)

4:15pm Chapter #24 – Matrimony: A Promise of Faithfulness and Love

Throughout the Bible, the deep love between a man and a woman symbolized the depths of God’s love for us. Genesis 1:18, in which God said, "It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a suitable partner for him." In the Sacrament of Matrimony, couples pledge their fidelity. They become rooted in faith and love. The married couple forms a new family, which may include the gift of children. In the heart of the family home “one learns endurance and the joy of work, fraternal love, generous forgiveness and above all the divine worship in prayer and the offering of one’s life.” (ccc1657) *Tell the children about your own wedding day and share your memories ...if you have a dvd, photos or program from your wedding you may want to share them with the class!* Remind the students of the Sacrament window in our church = 2 rings intertwined with a cross – *God is also part of a marriage between one man and one woman!* A legend says that God made the Claddah ring and threw it into Galway bay and it washed up on Connemara in Ireland. *There are three items on the ring that symbolize your marriage: a heart that speaks of love, folded hands telling of prayer and a crown that stands for fidelity.*

In the Sacrament of Matrimony, The Holy Spirit mixes with the water (bride) and wine (groom) in the Chalice (God). When the water hits the wine you really can't tell one from the other. It becomes one ... the two are considered one person.

- *We Believe*

Matrimony – the sacrament in which a man and a woman become husband and wife and promise to be faithful to each other for the rest of their lives.

Marriage covenant – the life-long commitment between a man and a woman to live as faithful and loving partners

Fidelity – faithfulness to a person and to duties, obligations and promises; in marriage, the loyalty and the willingness to be true to each other always.

- *We Respond* – “**conduct**” a wedding ceremony. The catechist should be the priest/deacon and lead the ceremony. Ask for volunteers to be the bride, groom, lectors, cantors etc... (*use the Wedding Rite fill in sheet as a guide*).

Or

- *We Respond* – **Complete the Wedding Rite** - fill in sheet with Readings and Songs (*use the Ritual Hymn book from the Church*). Divide the class into groups (1st Reading, 2nd Reading, Gospel, songs, etc) and have each group select a reading/song for your class “wedding.”

- **Catholic wedding vows are usually preceded by three questions from the priest/deacon:**
 1. "(Name) and (name), have you come here freely and without reservation to give yourselves to each other in marriage?"
 2. "Will you honor each other as man and wife for the rest of your lives?"
 3. "Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to the law of Christ and his Church?"
- **The Blessing of Rings** follows the declaration of consent.
- **Candle Ceremony**
- **Nuptial Blessing**

4:55pm Closing Prayer and Dismissal in classroom

“Heavenly Father,
 You created man and woman
 to be a reflection of Your love for the world.
 Bless all married couples
 that they might truly become
 an image and likeness of You in the world.
 May their love for one another share in your love
 and fill them with a generous heart that is open to life.
 When difficult times arise, surround them with your
 presence, loving family, friends and parishioners
 to give them the strength and grace they need.
 Assure all married couples of your abiding presence
 with them in good times and bad, in sickness
 and in health and for richer or for poorer.
 May their lives be a witness to the world
 of Your loving care, faithful commitment
 and persevering love for all people. Amen.”

Ask the children to say a petition aloud for someone or something they would like to pray for.

“What is the most important promise you have ever made?”

Catechist background:

- http://dioceseofpueblo.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=395:water-wine-marriage-and-the-sacred-heart&catid=82:family-blog&Itemid=458
- <http://www.pacatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/marriage-homily-ideas.pdf>
- <http://stmaryvalleybloom.org/weddinghomily.html>

Rite of Marriage

The most important part of a Catholic wedding is what is commonly known as the exchange of vows. These words are the heart—the essential element—of the sacrament of marriage; they form the covenant that establishes the couple’s marriage. The Church calls the exchange of vows *consent*—that is, the act of will by which a man and a woman give themselves to each other, and accept the gift of the other. The marriage can’t happen without the declaration of consent (*Catechism* [#1625 - 1631](#)).

All stand; including the bride and bridegroom, and the priest addresses them in these or similar words:

Priest/Deacon: “My dear friends, you have come together in this church so that the Lord may seal and strengthen your love in the presence of the Church’s minister and this community. Christ abundantly blesses this love. He has already consecrated you in baptism and now he enriches and strengthens you by a special sacrament so that you may assume the duties of marriage in mutual and lasting fidelity. And so, in the presence of the Church, I ask you to state your intentions.”

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The bride and groom respond "I will" or "yes".

Sacramental Wedding Vows

Priest/Deacon: “Since it is your intention to enter into marriage, join your right hands, and declare your consent before God and his Church.” (*many priests and deacons will have you repeat the words of consent after them, phrase by phrase*).

Groom: I, *(name)*, take you; *(name)*, to be my wife. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

Bride: I, *(name)*, take you; *(name)*, to be my husband. I promise to be true to you in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health. I will love you and honor you all the days of my life.

In the United States, Catholic wedding vows may also take the following form:

Groom: I, *(name)*, take you, *(name)*, for my lawful wife, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

Bride: I, *(name)*, take you, *(name)*, for my lawful husband, to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, until death do us part.

The priest/deacon acknowledges that the couple has declared their consent to be married, prays for God's blessing on the couple, and declares, "What God has joined, men must not divide".

This is the point at which, sacramentally, the bride and groom become wife and husband.

The Blessing of Rings follows the declaration of consent.

The priest/deacon says a blessing over the wedding rings and sprinkles them with holy water: "Bless, (*makes the sign of the cross over the rings*) O Lord, these rings, which we are blessing in your name, so that they who wear them, keeping faith with each other in unbroken loyalty, may ever remain at peace with you according to your will, and may live together always in mutual love. Through Christ our Lord."

Then the couple exchanges wedding rings:

Groom (placing the wedding ring on his wife's ring finger): (*Name*), take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Bride (placing the wedding ring on her husband's ring finger): (*Name*), take this ring as a sign of my love and fidelity. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Candle Ceremony

Many couples choose to signify that "two have become one" by lighting a unity candle during the wedding ceremony. Before or at the beginning of the wedding ceremony, a representative from each family lights two taper candles. During the ceremony, the bride and groom use the two taper candles to light a large pillar candle (the "unity candle") together. *The unity candle is placed in the sanctuary but must not be placed on the altar.*

Nuptial Blessing

The priest/deacon will extend his hands over the newlyweds and prays a solemn blessing over the married couple; the whole assembly participates in the blessing by repeatedly responding, "Amen." The couple is invited to exchange a kiss after the blessing.

Priest/Deacon: "Father, by your power you have made everything out of nothing. In the beginning you created the universe and made mankind in your own likeness. You gave man the constant help of woman so that man and woman should no longer be two, but one flesh, and you teach us that what you have united may never be divided. Look with love upon this woman, your daughter, now joined to her husband in marriage. She asks your blessing. Give her the grace of love and peace. May she always follow the example of the holy women whose praises are sung in the scriptures. May her husband put his trust in her and recognize that she is his equal and the heir with him to the life of grace. May he always honor her and love her as Christ loves his bride, the Church. Father, keep them always true to your commandments. Keep them faithful in marriage and let them be living examples of Christian life. Give them the strength which comes from the gospel so that they may be witnesses of Christ to others. (Bless them with children and help them to be good parents. May they live to see their children's children.) And, after a happy old age, grant them fullness of life with the saints in the kingdom of heaven. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen."

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The Roman Catholic Wedding Rite

Ask your grandparents, parents, godparents or close friend what they remember about their wedding day and who shared it with them!

Gathering Rite

- Prelude music for special seating (Parents, Godparents, etc.) _____
- Processional Music: (one for the entire procession) _____
- Gathering Hymn _____
- Welcoming and opening prayer

Liturgy of the Word

- 1st Reading (Old Testament): _____ Lector: _____
- Responsorial: _____ Cantor: _____
- 2nd Reading (New Testament): (optional if not a Mass) _____ Lector: _____
- Gospel Acclamation: (Sung) _____
- Gospel Reading (Priest/ Deacon proclaims) _____
- Homily

Rite of Holy Matrimony

- Consent
- Vows
- Ring Blessing/Exchange
- Prayers of the faithful: (Written by couple) Prayer Leader: _____

Liturgy of the Eucharist (*if the sacrament of marriage is being celebrated within Mass*)

- Hymn for Preparation of the Altar _____
- Bearers of the Gifts of Bread and Wine: _____
- Lord's Prayer
- Nuptial Blessing
- Communion Hymn _____
- Eucharist Ministers _____

Concluding Rites

- *If No Mass: Nuptial Blessing is done at this time.*
- Closing Blessing
- Announcements/Presentation of couple _____
- Music Recessional: _____

Memories of that day:

Old Testament Readings for Weddings

1) Genesis 1:26-28 (Created male and female)

Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth. God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth.

2) Genesis 2:18-24 (Two in one flesh)

The LORD God said: It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suited to him. So the LORD God formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds of the air, and he brought them to the man to see what he would call them; whatever the man called each living creature was then its name. The man gave names to all the tame animals, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals; but none proved to be a helper suited to the man. So the LORD God cast a deep sleep on the man, and while he was asleep, he took out one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. The LORD God then built the rib that he had taken from the man into a woman. When he brought her to the man, the man said: "This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman,' for out of man this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

3) Genesis 24:48-51 (Will you go with this man?)

Then I knelt and bowed down to the LORD, blessing the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me on the right road to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now, if you will act with kindness and fidelity toward my master, let me know; but if not, let me know that too. I can then proceed accordingly." Laban and Bethuel said in reply: "This thing comes from the LORD; we can say nothing to you either for or against it. Here is Rebekah, right in front of you; take her and go, that she may become the wife of your master's son, as the LORD has said."

4) Tobit 7:12-14 (I entrust her as your wife)

Then Raguel called his daughter Sarah, and she came to him. He took her by the hand and gave her to Tobiah with these words: "Take her according to the law. According to the decree written in the Book of Moses I give her to be your wife. Take her and bring her safely to your father. And may the God of heaven grant both of you a safe journey in peace!" He then called her mother and told her to bring writing materials. He wrote out a copy of a marriage contract stating that he gave Sarah to Tobiah as his wife as decreed by the law of Moses. Her mother brought the material, and he drew up the contract, to which he affixed his seal. Afterward they began to eat and drink.

5) Tobit 8:4-8 (Bring us to old age together)

When Sarah's parents left the bedroom and closed the door behind them, Tobiah rose from bed and said to his wife, "My sister, come, let us pray and beg our Lord to grant us mercy and protection." She got up, and they started to pray and beg that they might be protected. He began with these words: "Blessed are you, O God of our ancestors; blessed be your name forever and ever! Let the heavens and all your creation bless you forever. You made Adam, and you made his wife Eve to be his helper and support; and from these two the human race has come. You said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone; let us make him a helper like himself.' Now, not with lust, but with fidelity I take this kinswoman as my wife. Send down your mercy on me and on her, and grant that we may grow old together. Bless us with children." They said together, "Amen, amen!"

6) Song of Songs 2:6-14 (Arise my love, come away)

His left hand is under my head and his right arm embraces me. I adjure you, Daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles and the does of the field, do not awaken, or stir up love until it is ready. The sound of my lover! Here he comes springing across the mountains, leaping across the hills. My lover is like a gazelle or a young stag. See! He is standing behind our wall, gazing through the windows, peering through the lattices. My lover speaks and says to me, "Arise, my friend, my beautiful one, and come! For see, the winter is past, the rains are over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of pruning the vines has come, and the song of the turtledove is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines, in bloom, give forth fragrance. Arise, my friend, my beautiful one, and come! My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the secret recesses of the cliff, Let me see your face, let me hear your voice, For your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely."

7) Sirach 26:1-4 (Husband of a good wife)

Happy the husband of a good wife; the number of his days will be doubled. A loyal wife brings joy to her husband, and he will finish his years in peace. A good wife is a generous gift bestowed upon him who fears the Lord. Whether rich or poor, his heart is content, a smile ever on his face.

8) Ecclesiastes 4:7-11 (Better together than alone)

Again I saw something meaningless under the sun: There was a man all alone; he had neither son nor brother. There was no end to his toil, yet his eyes were not content with his wealth. "For whom am I toiling," he asked, "and why am I depriving myself of enjoyment?" This too is meaningless - a miserable business! Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone?

New Testament Readings for Weddings

1) Romans 8:31-35 (If God is for us, who is against us?)

What then shall we say to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us. Who will condemn? It is Christ [Jesus] who died, rather, was raised, who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. What will separate us from the love of Christ? Will anguish, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? As it is written: "For your sake we are being slain all the day; we are looked upon as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we conquer overwhelmingly through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers nor height, nor depth nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2) Romans 12:9-18 (Love with mutual affection)

Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality. Bless those who persecute [you], bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation. Do not repay anyone evil for evil; be concerned for what is noble in the sight of all. If possible, on your part, live at peace with all.

3) Romans 15:5-7 (May God fill you with all joy)

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4) 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20 (Your bodies, members of Christ)

But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body.

5) 1 Corinthians 13:1-8 (Love is patient and kind)

If I speak in human and angelic tongues but do not have love, I am a resounding gong or a clashing cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy and comprehend all mysteries and all knowledge; if I have all faith so as to move mountains but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. If there are prophecies, they will be brought to nothing; if tongues, they will cease; if knowledge, it will be brought to nothing.

6) Ephesians 4:1-6 (Live worthy of your calling)

I, then, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the call you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your call; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

7) Ephesians 5:21-31 (Serve each other in Christ's love)

Be subordinate to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives should be subordinate to their husbands as to the Lord. For the husband is head of his wife just as Christ is head of the church, he himself the savior of the body. As the church is subordinate to Christ, so wives should be subordinate to their husbands in everything. Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ loved the church and handed himself over for her to sanctify her, cleansing her by the bath of water with the word, that he might present to himself the church in splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish. So [also] husbands should love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one hates his own flesh but rather nourishes and cherishes it, even as Christ does the church, because we are members of his body. "For this reason a man shall leave [his] father and [his] mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh."

8) Philippians 4:4-9 (Rejoice in the Lord always)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

9) Colossians 3:12-17 (Peace rule in your hearts)

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another, if one has a grievance against another; as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do. And over all these put on love, that is, the bond of perfection. And let the peace of Christ control your hearts, the peace into which you were also called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, as in all wisdom you teach and admonish one another, singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or in deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

10) 1 Peter 3:1-9 (The purity of your lives)

Likewise, you wives should be subordinate to your husbands so that, even if some disobey the word, they may be won over without a word by their wives' conduct when they observe your reverent and chaste behavior. Your adornment should not be an external one: braiding the hair, wearing gold jewelry, or dressing in fine clothes, but rather the hidden character of the heart, expressed in the imperishable beauty of a gentle and calm disposition, which is precious in the sight of God. For this is also how the holy women who hoped in God once used to adorn themselves and were subordinate to their husbands; thus Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him "lord." You are her children when you do what is good and fear no intimidation. Likewise, you husbands should live with your wives in understanding, showing honor to the weaker female sex, since we are joint heirs of the gift of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. Finally, all of you, be of one mind, sympathetic, loving toward one another, compassionate, humble. Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult; but, on the contrary, a blessing, because to this you were called, that you might inherit a blessing.

11) 1 John 4:7-13 (If we love, God lives in us)

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also must love one another. No one has ever seen God. Yet, if we love one another, God remains in us, and his love is brought to perfection in us. This is how we know that we remain in him and he in us, that he has given us of his Spirit.

Gospel Readings

1) Matthew 5:1-12 (Main Christian qualities)

When he saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He began to teach them, saying: “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land. Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you [falsely] because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven. Thus they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

2) Matthew 5:13-16 (Salt of the earth)

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.

3) Matthew 7:24-29 (Don't be anxious)

“Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined.” When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

4) Matthew 19:3-6 (What God has joined)

When Jesus finished these words, he left Galilee and went to the district of Judea across the Jordan. Great crowds followed him, and he cured them there. Some Pharisees approached him, and tested him, saying, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any cause whatever?” He said in reply, “Have you not read that from the beginning the Creator ‘made them male and female’ and said, ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore, what God has joined together, no human being must separate.”

5) Matthew 22:34-40 (The great commandment)

When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them [a scholar of the law]* tested him by asking, “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” He said to him, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

6) Mark 10:2-9 (Two shall be as one flesh)

He set out from there and went into the district of Judea [and] across the Jordan. Again crowds gathered around him and, as was his custom, he again taught them. The Pharisees approached and asked, “Is it lawful for a husband to divorce his wife?” They were testing him. He said to them in reply, “What did Moses command you?” They replied, “Moses permitted him to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her.” But Jesus told them, “Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother [and be joined to his wife], and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate.’”

7) John 2:1-11 (Wedding feast at Cana)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." [And] Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you." Now there were six stone water jars there for Jewish ceremonial washings, each holding twenty to thirty gallons. Jesus told them, "Fill the jars with water." So they filled them to the brim. Then he told them, "Draw some out now and take it to the headwaiter." So they took it. And when the headwaiter tasted the water that had become wine, without knowing where it came from (although the servers who had drawn the water knew), the headwaiter called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves good wine first, and then when people have drunk freely, an inferior one; but you have kept the good wine until now. "Jesus did this as the beginning of his signs in Cana in Galilee and so revealed his glory, and his disciples began to believe in him.

8) John 15:9-12 (My love will abide in you)

As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy may be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

9) John 15:12-16 (No greater love than this)

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another.

10) John 17:20-26 (That they may all be one)

"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me. And I have given them the glory you gave me, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may be brought to perfection as one, that the world may know that you sent me, and that you loved them even as you loved me. Father, they are your gift to me. I wish that where I am* they also may be with me, that they may see my glory that you gave me, because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world also does not know you, but I know you, and they know that you sent me. I made known to them your name and I will make it known,* that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them."