

# TV Families

1. Huxtbls (The Cosby show)  
“funeral for Rudy’s goldfish”

2. The Bunkers (all in the family)
  - a) Meathead (Mike)
  - b) Dingbat like (Edith)
  - c) Bigot like (Archie)

3. The Conners (Rosanne)  
Dan & Rosanne weren’t the best parents in the world.

4. The Bundy’s (Married with children)

5. The Evans (Good times)  
A family that struggled but made the best of their struggles.

6. The Winslow (Family Matters)  
Steve was not a family member, but he caused a lot of trouble for the family.

## God’s Design for the Family

def: The family is the foundational institution of society ordained by God. It is constituted by marriage and is composed of people related to one another by marriage, blood or adoption.

1. The family is a fundamental institution of human society.

a. Genesis 2:20-25, 4:1

b. Exodus 20:5-6, Joshua 7:10,15,24-25, 2 Kings 13:23

2. The family is constituted by marriage.

Genesis 2:20-25 A pattern or historical factoid? See v. 24 and Matthew 19:1-12

a. Marriage is ordained by God.

b. Marriage must be between one man and one woman.

c. Marriage is characterized by leaving the authority structure of one's parents and joining together to form a new authority structure.

d. Marriage is a picture of the relationship of Christ to the church. Ephesians 5:22-32

e. Marriage is a covenant before God between a man and a woman. Proverbs 2:17, Malachi 2:14

3. God has commissioned and blessed humanity with the charge to be fruitful and multiply.  
Genesis 1:28

- a. God has ordained that children be brought into the world only through the procreative activity of a husband and wife and only to married parents.
- b. The ordinary privilege and responsibility of married people is to have and rear children. Genesis 1:28, 1 Timothy 2:15
- c. The special privilege and responsibility of Christian parents is to bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord, that they may come to know Christ. Ephesians 6:4

## How to strength the family

Family is at the center of God's plan for the happiness and progress of his children.

The bible teaches that God establish families from the beginning and show us many examples of strong families.

It also teaches us how to have a loving happy family.

### 1. Families in the bible

The very first people on earth formed a family. From the beginning, God blessed and encouraged families. Commanding Adam & Eve to be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth, (Genesis 128).

The example of Adam & Eve shows us that families are of God.

### 2. Other Families in the bible

There are a few well know examples of families in the bible found early in the Old Testament. Abraham, Isaac & Jacob, they all followed God's command to marry and have children. Abraham went to great lengths to protect his wife Sarah (Genesis 12) and exercise faith to finally enjoy the blessings that came with having his son Isaac. (Genesis 21)

Under the Lord's direction, Abraham servant traveled a long distance to find Rebekah. A righteous woman to be Isaac's wife. (Genesis 24) and Isaac's son Jacob worked for many years in order to marry and establish his own family, which became the house of Israel. (Genesis 29-30)

### 3. Jesus taught about marriage

a. Jesus taught that marriage is holy & essential to God's plan. From the beginning of creation, God made them male & female. For this cause shall man leave his father & mother and cleave to his wife. They twain shall be one flesh. So then they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder. (Mark 10:6-9)

### 4. Jesus taught by example

Jesus cared for His family. Throughout the New Testament we learned how Jesus showed love for His family members, especially His mother Mary. Even while in agony on the cross, Jesus showed concern for His mother's care. When Jesus therefore saw His mother and the disciples standing by, whom He loved, He said unto His mother, Woman behold thy son. The He said to the disciples, behold thy mother and from that hour the disciple took her into his own house. (John 19:26-27)