Marriage Date Night

Romantic Movie Night

Best Use

As a date night for couples who want a night at home

Nutritional Value

Fosters discussion about how romantic love points us to the ultimate love story

Advance Preparation

- Schedule a "movie rental" date night at home.
- Rent or buy a favorite romantic film. For best results, let her choose!

During The Date

- 1. If you have children at home, put them to bed early.
- 2. Slip into something "comfortable" and watch the film in the privacy of your bedroom.
- 3. After watching spend about 10 minutes discussing the questions on the reverse side, and pray together.
- 4. Before going to sleep give one another a very long kiss goodnight!

Discuss

Take turns answering the following questions...

BOY MEETS GIRL: Every great love story has a "boy meets girl" moment when two individuals find themselves drawn to the other.

- What was that moment for him/her?
- What was that moment for you?

OBSTACLES: Name several obstacles keeping the couple apart.

- Was the biggest external obstacle (i.e. another person, distance) or internal (i.e. clashing personalities, fear)?
- What obstacle(s) did the two of you overcome to meet and marry?

MYSTERY: The Apostle Paul called spousal intimacy "a great mystery" because when "two become one" they create a picture of Christ's marriage to the church. (See Ephesians 5:33)

- Did any actions/choices by the guy/girl model selfless love?
- What actions/choices has your spouse made that make you feel loved?

INTIMACY: The most exciting moments of intimacy occur when both individuals seek to please the other rather than themselves.

- Did selfless giving or selfish taking characterize the couple in the film?
- Describe one way you would like to better meet your mate's needs in daily life and during physical intimacy

PRAYER: Hold hands and share this brief prayer: Dear God: Thank you for allowing our marriage to be a picture of your intimate love for the church. Please continue to kindle our romantic love for each other. Amen

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