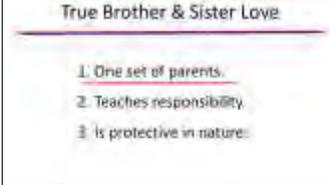
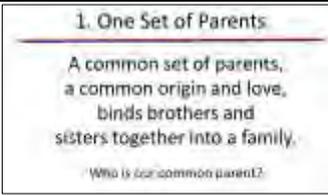
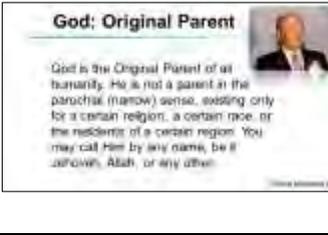
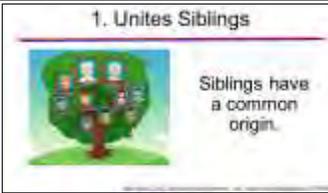


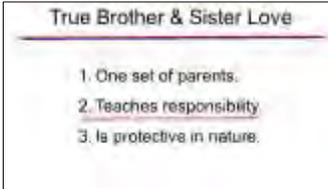
Chapter 4 Brother and Sister Love

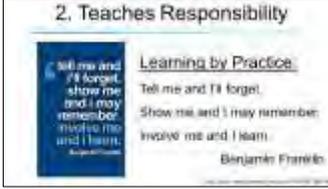
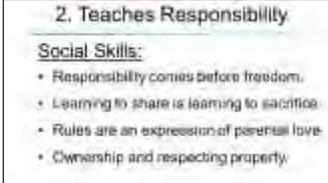
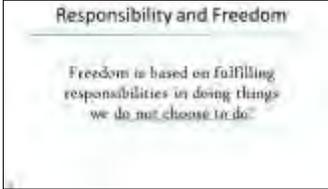
This lesson will:

- Explain that brothers and sisters share a common origin or parent and, most importantly, a common love.
- Share many of life's important lessons which are learned in the family, especially among brothers and sisters.
- Teach that brother and sister love takes on responsibility gladly and is protective in nature.
- Expand our concept of family based on true love, beyond just a shared DNA.

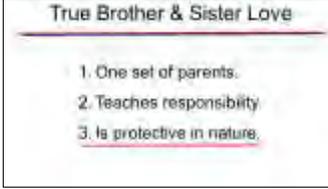
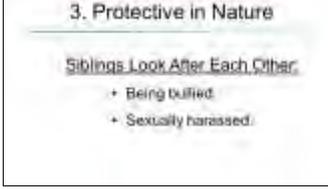
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1.		<p><i>PUBLISHER'S NOTE TO PRESENTERS:</i></p> <p><i>This is an exposition of the main themes of a true love character education curriculum. It is a blueprint for subjects and positions educators should use in presenting these themes in a way appropriate to the target age group.</i></p>
2.		<p>This presentation is called "Sibling's Love." It is the first of the three chapters dealing with Brother and Sister Love.</p>
3.		<p>Brothers and sisters are like branches of a tree. They will grow in different directions, but they share a common root.</p> <p>It is a magical time in our lives where we have seemingly unlimited energy and a curiosity about everything. It is a time when we love learning and soak up knowledge like the hot desert sand absorbs water. We write poems, sing songs, dream dreams, and have a vision that stretches beyond the horizon.</p>
4.		<p>In addition, true brother and sister love has the following qualities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. One set of parents. 2. Teaches responsibility. 3. Is protective in nature.

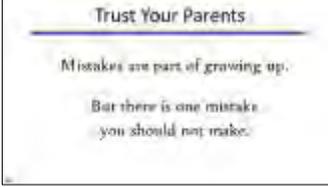
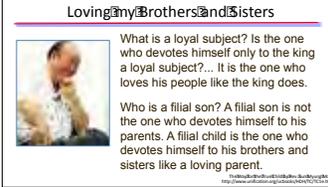
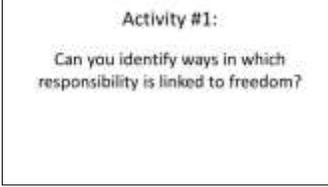
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5.		<p>A common set of parents, a common origin and a common love, binds brothers and sisters together into a family.</p> <p>The root of brother-sister love is filial piety. If the love between parents and children is broken, then just being conceived by the same biological parents will not be strong enough to keep brothers and sisters together. On the other hand, adopted children that share no genetic resemblance to the parents who love and raise them, are a family. This is because they share a common love.</p> <p>Then who is our common parent? What is the origin of our shared love?</p>
6.		<p>Father Moon taught:</p> <p>God is the Original Parent of all humanity. He is not a parent in the parochial (narrow) sense, existing only for a certain religion, a certain race, or the residents of a certain region. You may call Him by any name, be it Jehovah, Allah, or any other.</p>
7.		<p>People often have several names, for example: their legal name, their nickname, and even a pen name. But all the names refer to the same person.</p> <p>God too can have many names: Allah, Ishwar, Great Spirit, Jehovah, Ultimate Reality, Universal Love or Heavenly Parent. But there is only one God. And just as our character, not our name, defines who we really are, so too it is God's character of unchanging love, not His name, that defines Him.</p> <p>The nature of God is unlimited compassion and unconditional love. God has the heart of a loving parent but wears the shoes of a humble servant.</p>
8.		<p>Brothers and sisters have this common origin. It is the vertical love of parents combined with the horizontal love of siblings that unites them together as a family.</p>

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9.		<p>Here is a song that conveys our common origin. It is called, <i>One Family Under God</i>.</p> <p>Here we stand together one in our humanity For we all come from the Father We are one family It's our school of love and peace Where we've learned there's a way For the world to live in harmony And together we all say...</p> <p>CHORUS:</p> <p>This is where peace begins Here we sow the seeds of love It all starts with our knowing We are one family We are one family under God</p> <p>Not just body but spirit, On and on we try to be People who live for others, For love knows no boundaries Neither race nor religion, No barriers can keep us apart Forgiveness, true understanding, This is how it all starts...</p> <p>CHORUS:</p> <p>This is where peace begins Here we sow the seeds of love It all starts with our knowing We are one family We are one family under God</p>
10.		<p>Secondly, in the stage of brother and sister love, we learn responsibility. One difference between "children" and "brothers and sisters" is that the parents cannot leave children alone. But as children grow up and take on more responsibility, parents give them more freedom. In this process, brothers and sisters are internalizing more and more of the teachings and values of their parents thereby earning their parents trust and their own independence.</p>

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11.		<p>We learn responsibility by being responsible. It is not just something we are told, or shown to do. Participation is the best teacher.</p> <p>Benjamin Franklin said: Tell me and I'll forget. Show me and I may remember. Involve me and I learn.</p>
12.		<p>Indeed, in the family we learn many social skills that can help us later in life.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsibility comes before freedom. • Learning to share is learning to sacrifice. • Rules are an expression of parental love.
13.		<p>The more responsibility you take, the freer, happier and more valued you become.</p> <p>In the home we learn responsibility by cleaning our room, helping with the dishes and taking out the garbage, etc. Ultimately, however, caring for the place we live should be reflected in the care for our environment.</p> <p>No child likes to be nagged by their parents. And parents do not like to nag their children either. But rooms have to be cleaned, garbage has to be taken out and dishes washed. What's the solution? Here is an important lesson.</p> <p>If children by themselves initiate cleaning their rooms and helping with the family chores, then parents will not nag them. In fact, parents will very happy and surely praise the child in order to express their gratitude and encourage him or her.</p>
14.		<p>Freedom and Responsibility</p> <p>Freedom is based on fulfilling responsibilities in doing things we <u>do not choose to do!</u></p> <p>We gain the freedom to choose by doing the things we don't choose!</p> <p>Responsibility is not just an obligation; it is the key to freedom.</p>

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15.		<p>Here is an example:</p> <p>When we go to a restaurant we are free to choose steak or fish. And for dessert we can choose vanilla or chocolate ice cream. But there are also some things we are not free to choose. We cannot choose to pay the bill or not. If we don't pay the bill, the owner may call the police. If everyone chooses not to pay the bill, the restaurant would have to close down and we lose our freedom to choose our favorite food.</p> <p>It is the same with driving a car. We are free to choose where we want to go. But we are not free to make our own rules. For example, we cannot choose which side of the road to drive on, the meaning of a red light or the speed limits.</p> <p>Oddly, it is by doing the things we don't choose (paying our bills and following the rules of the road) that gives us the freedom to choose.</p>
16.		<p>Learning to share is learning to sacrifice.</p> <p>For small children, sharing is not sharing; it is a sacrifice. By learning to share, brothers and sisters are developing good character.</p> <p>A Swedish proverb says,</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>A Shared Joy is Double Joy.</i></p> <p>This means that when we share the things we like most, the things that bring us happiness, then we have the joy of sharing something valuable to give joy to others. That's the first joy, the joy of giving. The second joy is seeing the happiness on the faces of people receiving these valued gifts. Making others happy also gives us joy.</p> <p>This is another of life's lesson learned first at home with the guidance and support of our parents: Our greatest happiness comes not from taking, but from giving and making others happy.</p>

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17.		<p><u>Ownership:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respect Others' Rights • Ask before Borrowing • Return afterwards • Earn trust <p>As brothers and sisters learn ownership. This is done by respecting the property of other siblings and asking permission before taking things that are not ours. Also ownership means returning things we borrowed to their rightful owner.</p> <p>This is a valuable business tool and another of life's lessons learned at home. When we are responsible, it is easy to be trusted and valued. In the business world borrowing money and repaying it on time builds our credit rating—our trustworthiness.</p>
18.		<p>Just as parents protect their children, it is natural for brothers and sisters to protect each other. This is one of the attributes of true love. To not care is to not love.</p>
19.		<p>Our connection as brothers and sisters is not only genetic and biological, it is also spiritual in nature. Love means we share one heart. So when people close to us are hurt, bullied or harassed, we feel bad too.</p> <p>When our concept of family can grow beyond that of our immediate biological siblings to include all humankind, then we will treat each other very differently. Instead of mistreating, exploiting and oppressing others, we will care for and protect them as our own family members. The way we treat others depends on the size of our heart.</p>

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20.		<p>Mistakes are part of the growing up. But there is one mistake you should not make.</p> <p>Children may make mistakes as they grow up. They may spill their milk or fight with siblings, for example.</p> <p>Parents and teachers will not just judge and condemn the child for the mistakes. They will see mistakes as teaching opportunities to instruct their children about responsibility and respect. Then when the lesson has been learned, children should promise not repeat the mistake. This makes it easier to be forgive which parents are eager to do.</p> <p>But there is one mistake that brothers and sisters should not commit. They should not have sexual relationships until they are married. This will protect their freedom in many ways: emotional trauma, sexual diseases, and unwanted pregnancies. After all, prevention I better than a cure. Trust your parents and elders on this.</p>
21.		<p>In conclusion, Father Moon said that a filial child loves his siblings like a parent:</p> <p>What is a loyal subject? Is the one who devotes himself only to the king a loyal subject?... It is the one who loves his people like the king does.</p> <p>Who is a filial son? A filial son is not the one who devotes himself to his parents. A filial child is the one who devotes himself to his brothers and sisters like a loving parent.</p>
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23.		<p>Activity #1: Can you identify ways in which responsibility is linked to freedom?</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learning in school → more career choices • Eating properly → better health • Follow the laws → more freedom • Keeping Purity → protection