



marriage

MARRIAGE DATE NIGHT **Hand in Hand**

Best Use

As a date night or evening snack activity once the kids are in bed (could also use as activity with kids with adjustments).

Nutritional Value

Appreciating how God uses the differences between each other to create something wonderful.

Advance Preparation

- Supplies for a peanut butter and jelly sandwich
- Two sheets of paper and something to write with
- Optional: heart cookie cutter

During The Date

Alternate asking each other the questions using the following rules...

- Give specific ideas (i.e. "Hold my hand while driving in the car") rather than general principles (i.e. "Show me you love me")
- Don't over-promise. Not every need expressed can or should be met by one's spouse. You are simply sharing ideas and seeking input.
- Don't become defensive if something touches an area of weakness for you. The goal is to move your relationship to the next level rather than defend the status quo.



SERVE IT UP

DISCUSS

What do you think of when you hear the phrase "hand in hand"? Some define it as two things that exist together, connected, well matched, in full unity and strength. What things come to mind that go hand-in-hand? (When you hear one you immediately think of the other.)

Finish the following pairs:

- Peanut butter and _____;
- Salt and _____;
- Macaroni and _____;
- Spaghetti and _____;
- Batman and _____;
- Sonny and _____;

DO

Have fun and conversation as you make a peanut butter and jelly sandwich or some other pair like strawberries and chocolate. As you make the sandwich, talk about the differences between peanut butter and jelly. (i.e., One is sticky, one is sweet)

SHARE

Take turns describing what you love about your spouse that makes them different from you. Then put the sandwich together and enjoy. The differences between the peanut butter and jelly make the sandwich taste great as they complement one another.

OPTIONAL

Use a cookie cutter to cut your sandwich and sit by the fire or with a cup of milk to enjoy your snack and finish your time together.

DISCUSS

How do you compliment each other? Try to come up with at least two ways you are stronger and better together than apart.

READ

Ephesians 5:31 "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will be come one flesh."

DISCUSS

The design for marriage is that you move toward becoming one. Is there anything hindering oneness in your marriage? Choose one item that each of you will work on to move toward becoming one. Remember to stay positive and focus on what you can do to draw toward one another.

PRAY

Thank God for the gift of your marriage and how He created you to compliment each other. "Thank you, Lord, for each other, for the differences we have and for bringing us together. Help us work together as a team to complement each other better than ever before. Thank you for our time together. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen."

BONUS: Husbands, schedule the next late night time of connecting and keep on being intentional!