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Preparation: Gather materials to build a house with either connecting blocks, wooden blocks, cups, cards, popsicle sticks, whatever you have on hand.

Instruct the children to make a house.

- As the children build the bottom layer, teach them this is the cornerstone of their building. The cornerstone sets the foundation and enables a building to be secure.
- Let them continue to build until they are done. When they have finished, direct the child's or children's attention to the top layer of the building materials.

• Tell them that building material on the top is the capstone, or the finishing

piece of their house.



Marriage is important as a cornerstone of life. When you fit marriage into your life as a foundation it enables you to also place other important activities, careers, and opportunities into your life. With marriage as the cornerstone, spouses grow together and build life together as they become united with each other and their goals.



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Conversely, if marriage is viewed as a capstone, life will be different. If marriage is the finishing portion of a person's life, they will think that they must be and/or have everything they want before they are married.

These ideas may cause them to not get married -

- 1. because they never are finished with what they want to do, or have, before they get married, or
- 2. because they are too comfortable and set in their ways to make the change and get married.



Discuss

- What is a cornerstone?
- What is a cornerstone approach to marriage?
- What is a capstone?
- How do we make marriage a foundation of our life rather than a finishing touch?

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