

Year Six

The wonder of
God's love in
creating new life



Objectives

- Know that we are made to love and to be loved.
- Learn the proper ways in which we show our love for one another and for God.



Keywords

God

Christian

Appropriate

Dignity

Sexuality

Intercourse

Fiancé

Fallopian

Conceive

Relationship

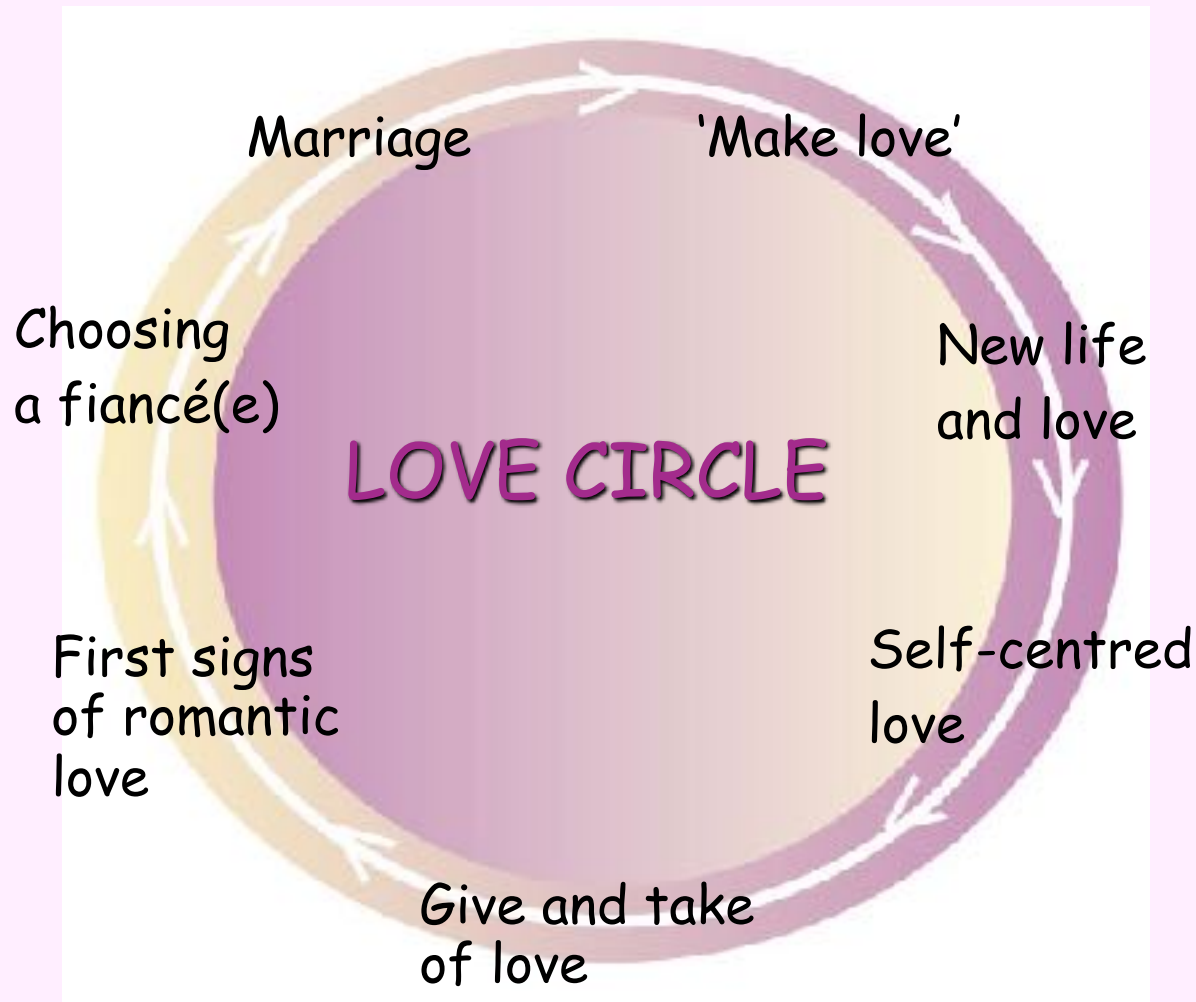
Uterus

Cervix

Marriage



The circle of love and life



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Love proclaims its presence by signs and the deepest, most intimate and most wonderful of human signs of love is the gift of self in sexual intercourse.

But the natural outcome (all conditions being fulfilled) of sexual intercourse is the conception of new life.

As co-creators the parents bestow life on a new human being.



That human being needs love and will, in time,

express love:
will make love,
and a new
human being
will join us!



To remove 'life', 'love' or 'sex' from the circle destroys God's intended balance and produces severe problems for society.



We are not some casual
and meaningless product of
evolution.

Each of us is the result of
a thought of God.

Benedict XVI



PHYSICAL

In all of us

Voice box

Heart

Lungs

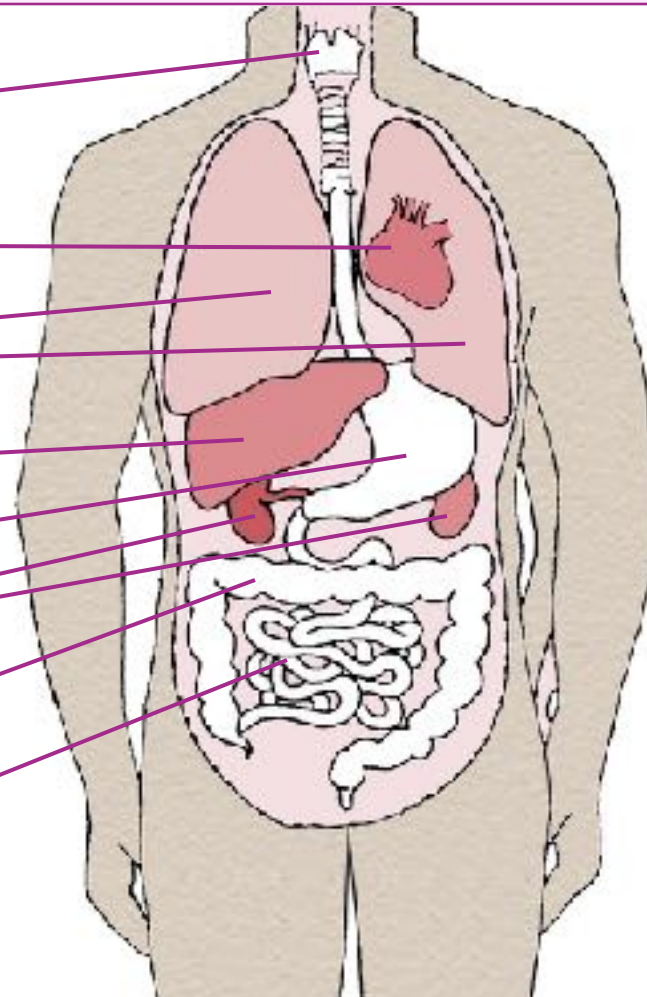
Liver

Stomach

Kidneys

Large intestine

Small intestine



In boys

Sperm duct

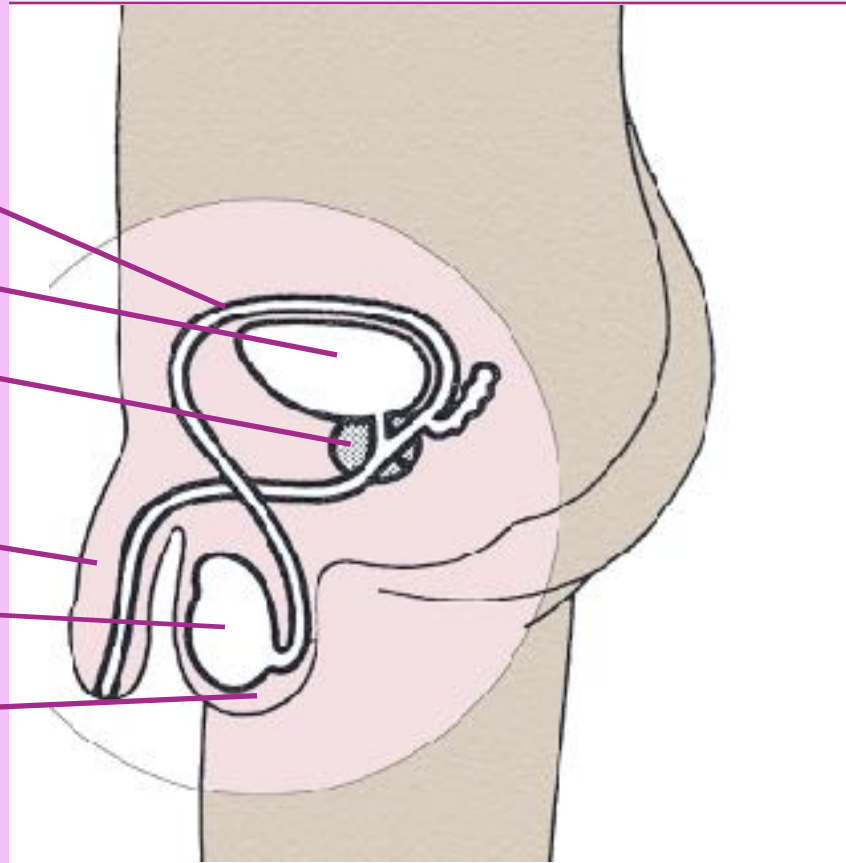
Bladder

Prostate gland

Penis

Testicle

Scrotum



In girls

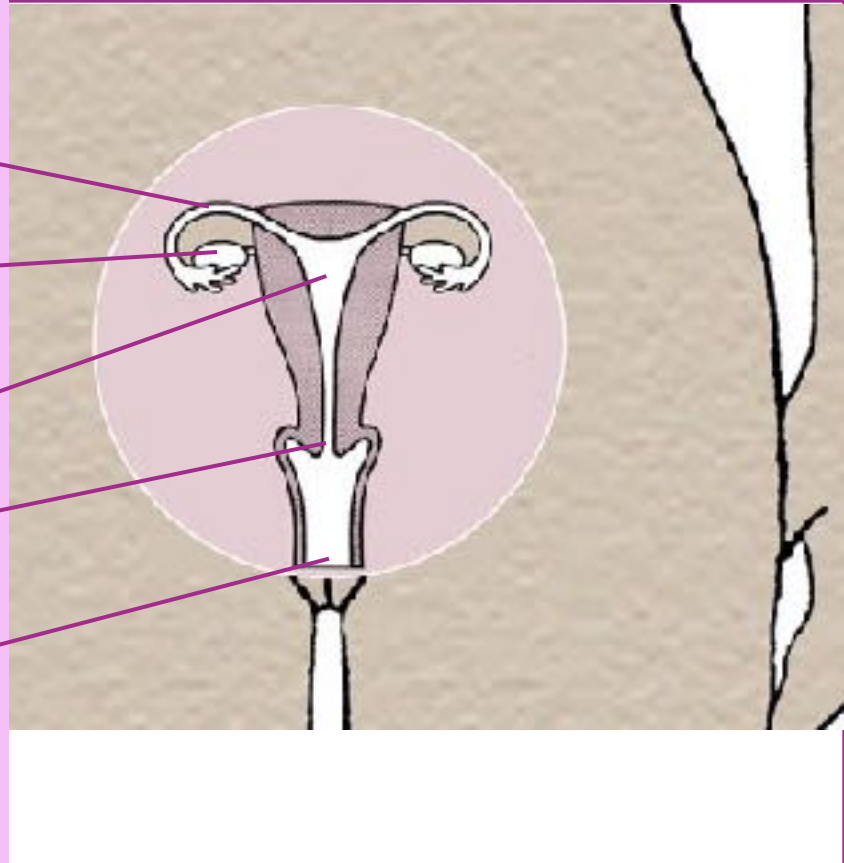
Fallopian tube

Ovary

Uterus (womb)

Cervix

Vagina



Sexual intercourse between husband and wife is a joyful expression of their love for each other.

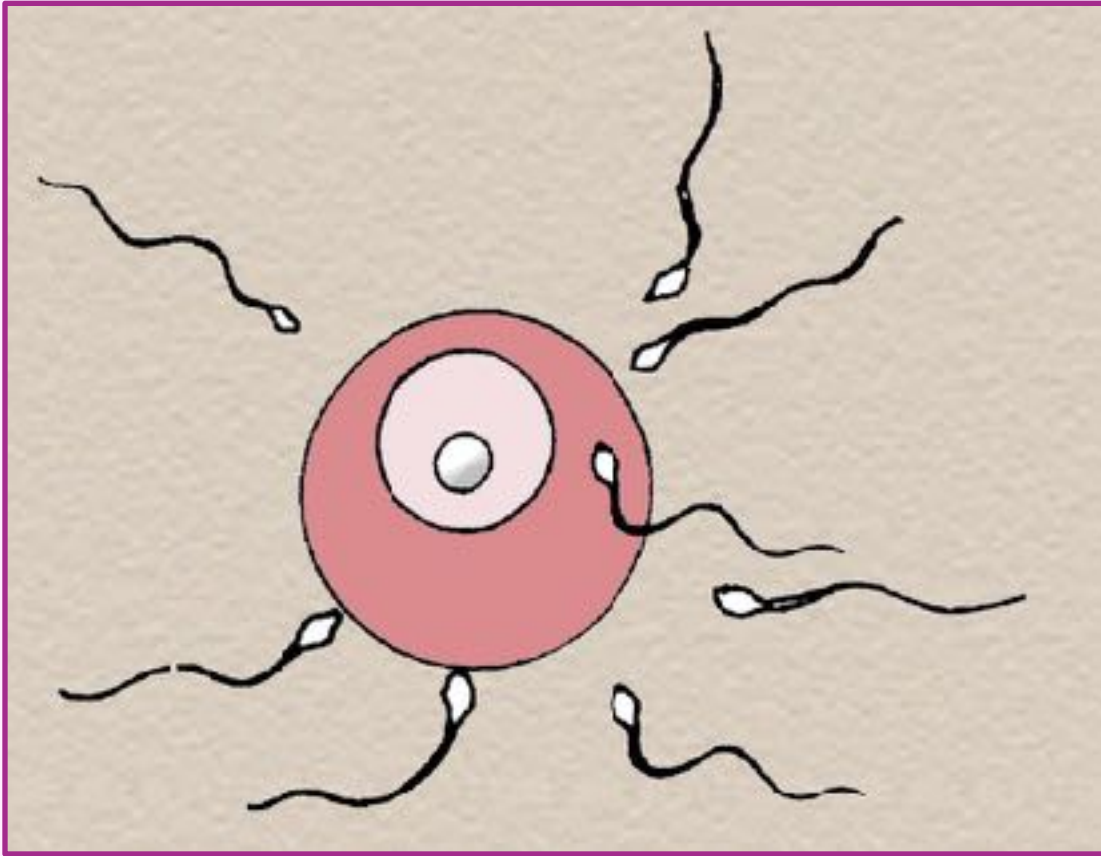
It is an act of self-giving made by two people who want to give everything of themselves to the person they love and respect.



When a couple make love the husband's penis becomes stiff and is placed inside his wife's vagina. Millions of sperm cells are released when the man ejaculates.

Each sperm cell has a long tail that it uses to swim through the cervix, into the uterus, and eventually into the wife's fallopian tubes.



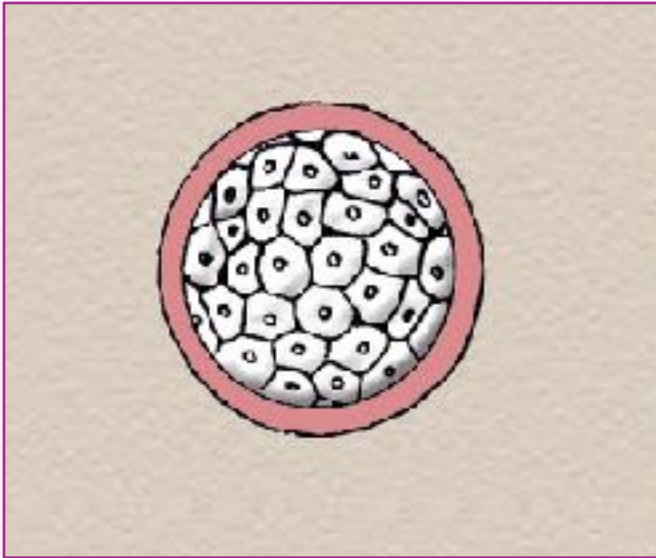


Although a hundred sperm cells may reach the egg cell only one sperm can enter the egg to fertilise it.

This is called 'conception'



A baby develops in the mother's womb



After a few days, the cell divides repeatedly to form a ball of cells.

After **8 weeks**, the baby has eyes but no eyelids.

It starts making tiny movements but its mother cannot feel it yet.



After **16 weeks**, the baby begins to swallow and to pass urine.

It has fingers and toenails.

At this stage its skin is bright red and transparent.



After **24 weeks**, the baby can hear voices and other sounds from outside its mother. It has some hair and eyebrows and eyelashes. Its skin is very wrinkled.





After 28 weeks, the baby's kicks are quite strong and can be felt by putting a hand on the mother's stomach.



After **36 weeks**, the baby has taken up its final position in the uterus. Its lungs are getting ready to take their first breath.

The baby continues to get fatter. Some time after 36 weeks, the baby's head is positioned ready for birth.

The baby could arrive any time between the 38th and 42nd week of pregnancy.



Prayer

For the beauty of the gift of love,
we thank you Lord.





For mothers
and fathers,



we thank you Lord.



For doctors and nurses,
we thank you Lord.



For all babies and the miracle of new life,
we thank you Lord.



Amen.



Emotional

Relationships develop and eventually you may be able to use the word 'love'.

Real love reveals itself in complete commitment.



Love is caring and sharing with another person.

We can love many people. However, two people can be drawn to a love that at its deeper levels becomes more and more exclusive.

Intimacies are shared with the loved one and not with others.



Love needs more than a single dimension, such as...
a common interest, sexual attraction,
or similar ideas.



A basis for love needs to grow and develop, so that the two people are
more and more generous in their
shared love.



The relationship needs time to
develop and mature...



...ultimately people may decide to marry



Without love, relationships will fail because living with another human being means that they will find out exactly what you are like.

What matters is what kind of person you are and what qualities you bring to the relationship.



Prayer

Source of Love,
help us to love and respect each other
and enjoy the beauty of happy friendships.

Amen.



Social



What signs of love do you see in people around you?





What different kinds of friends can you have?

Best friend



School friends



Boyfriend/girlfriend



Lifelong friends



Prayer

Jesus, our friend
and brother,
embrace in your love
all our friends.

Amen.



Spiritual

God makes new life begin
through the love that parents have
for each other.



We celebrate God's creative love in creating us as his children.



We recognise that we grow as human beings as we give and receive love.



Marriage is living out love



As Christians we appreciate the sheer wonder of the sexual act.

God created the incredible natural process by which husband and wife bring new life into the world.

The Church celebrates this in the Sacrament of Marriage.



"Marriage based on exclusive and definitive love becomes the icon of the relationship between God and his people and vice versa. God's way of loving becomes the measure of human love."

Deus Caritas Est 11



Prayer

We praise and thank you,
Lord, for gifts of life and love.

Help us to use
these wisely as
we continue to
journey in love.
Amen.



Journey of Life

For each of us, life is like a journey.

Birth is the beginning of this journey,

And death is not the end; but the destination.



It is a journey that takes us
From youth to age,



From innocence to
awareness,
From ignorance to
knowledge,
From foolishness to
wisdom,
From weakness
to strength

and often back again.



From offence to forgiveness,
From pain to compassion,
From fear to faith,



From defeat to victory
and from victory to defeat.



Until looking backward or ahead,
we see that victory does not lie
at some high point along the way,
but in having made
the journey,
stage by stage.

End of presentation

