

MARRIAGE

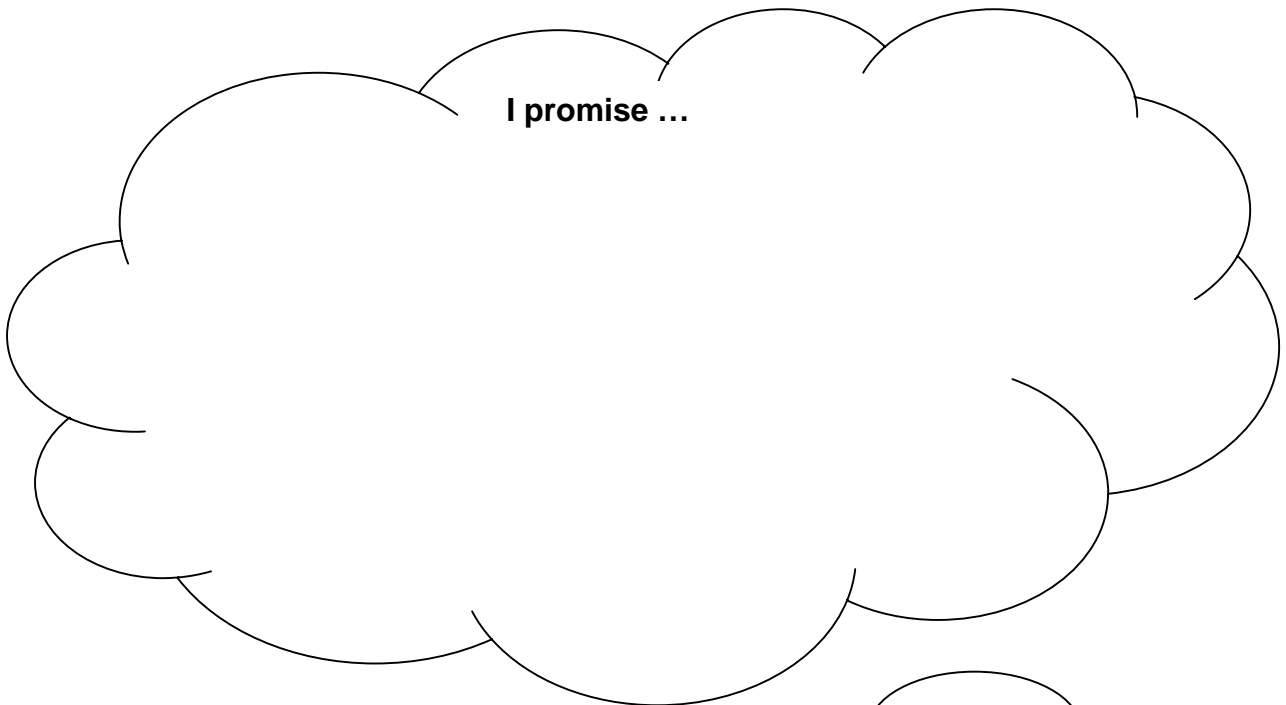
A box of promises



Christian weddings always have promises in the centre. Here are some simplified versions of seven of the promises in a Christian wedding.

The bride and groom promise the same things to each other. They say: 'I promise ...'

- ❖ To share all my money and all I have equally with you
- ❖ To stay with you for ever until one of us dies
- ❖ Not to let illness or poorness break us up
- ❖ Never to make love to anyone expect you
- ❖ To love you and cherish you ('cherish' means 'look after tenderly')
- ❖ To leave my own family and make a new family with you
- ❖ To put you first in my life ahead of everyone else



Something to think about!

Marriage is popular in Britain: out of your class of thirty, twenty-five of you will marry in the next 20 years, and several will marry twice or more in your lifetime. And ten of you will probably get divorced



Christian Marriage

Here is a picture of a man and woman getting married. In the speech bubble, write five promises or vows you think would make for a good marriage.

Use scrap paper to begin with, and discuss your ideas carefully in a small group.

You can use some of the ideas Christians use, but make up some of your own as well.

What would be the five best promises for marrying?