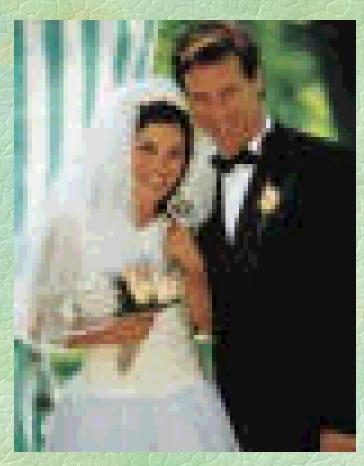
## Families

#### What stage is your family in?

# Stage 1: Beginning Family

 Married couple has established their home, but do not yet have kids.



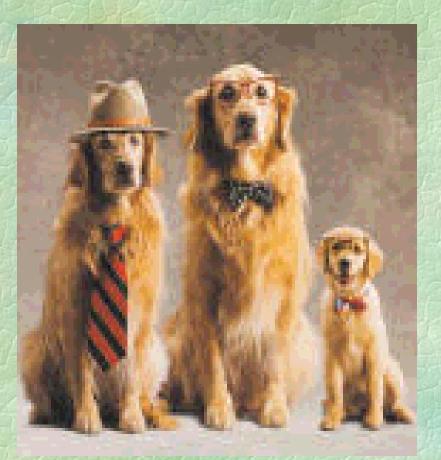
## Stage 2: Childbearing Family



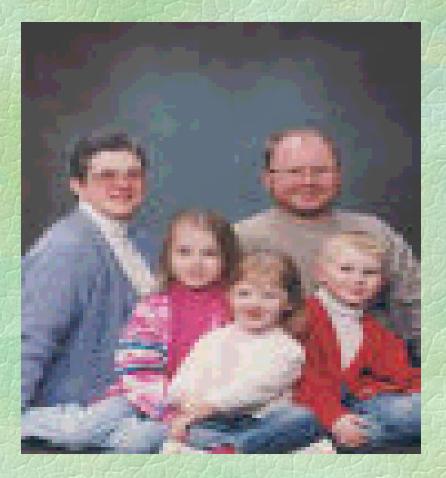
 From birth of first child until that child is 2 1/2 yrs old.

## Stage 3: Family w/ Preschoolers

 When oldest child is between 2 1/2 and 6 yrs old.



## Stage 4: Family w/ School Kids



 When the oldest child is between 6-13 yrs.

## Stage 5: Family w/ Teenagers

 When the oldest child is between 13-20 yrs.



## Stage 6: Launching Center



From the first time the oldest child leaves till the last child leaves.

## Stage 7: Empty Nesters

 Starts when all children are gone and lasts until the couple retires.



## Stage 8: Aging Family



 From retirement to death of partner.

## **Types of Families**

- Living Alone
- POSSLQs
- Marrying late in life
- Couple with No kids
- Couples with Kids
- Divorced Adults
- Single Parent Families

- Grown children living with parents
- Blended Families
- Grandparents living with Family
- Etc.

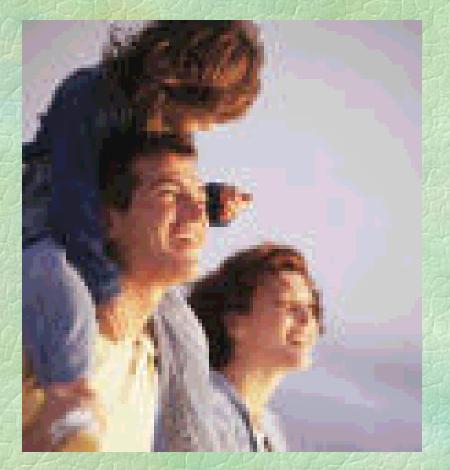
## What Makes a Family Strong?

- Commitment
- Together Time
- Appreciation
- Communication
- Decision-Making and Responsibility
- Problem Solving
- Values and Spiritual Wellness

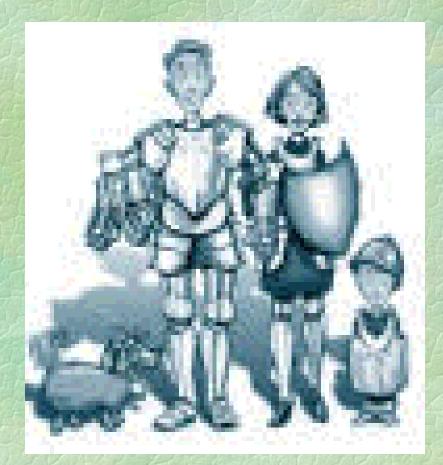
#### **Birth Order Characteristics**

#### Oldest

- Looked to as the example
- Treated more like an adult
- High Achiever
- Usually college bound
- Independent
- Affectionate



#### **Birth Order Characteristics**



#### Middle

- Works hard to get recognition
- Usually a peacemaker
- Average in schoolwork, but allaround good student
- Calm, even tempered

## **Birth Order Characteristics**

- Youngest
  - Gets lots of attention
  - May be spoiled
  - Usually matures quickly... or not at all
  - May be undisciplined
  - Is easy-going
  - Like to associate with take-charge people.

