**A PROMISE OF PERFECT FAMILY HAPPINESS**

**THE FAMILY—A DIVINE GIFT (3 min.)**

* Wanem tingting blo yu lo famle blo yu?
  + Important tumas. Lavem olgeta.
  + But unfortunately, many families today are not happy. What is the true source of happiness?
* Jehovah – stamba famle.
* Wanem tingting blo Jehovah lo famle?

Jehovah expressed his purpose to fill the earth with a perfect human family [Read Genesis 1:26-28]

* Jehovah – wantem we olgeta famle oli laef lo wan paradaes. Glad. Kakae fulap.
* Givim Adam/Iv wok
  + authority over other living creatures, even assigning him the enjoyable and challenging task of naming the animals
  + he gave this couple the opportunity to fill the earth with their children & extend the boundaries of Paradise until it covered the globe
  + they could worship Jehovah forever as part of his universal family

What a wonderful prospect! The happiness found in family life is a gift from God (Ru 1:9; Ps 127:3)

* Famle – presen – kam lo Jehovah.

**HOW FAMILY HAPPINESS WAS DISRUPTED (5 min.)**

The disruption of family happiness began when Satan rebelled against God

Instead of experiencing the unity and happiness that Jehovah had originally purposed, the human family as a whole is divided socially, religiously, and politically

Within the family unit, we see dysfunction, stress, and unhappiness (2Ti 3:2, 3)

* Sorry – Satan pulum Adam/Eve no obei.
  + Mekem se – tede wol. Human famle – seraot.
* Min se – Jeh no moa kea lo ol famle blo wol? Nogat. Hemi mekem plan

Satan persuaded the first human couple and wicked angels to abandon their heavenly Father

Adam and Eve’s departure from Jehovah’s universal family has not only hurt our Creator deeply but has also brought pain, suffering, and death to all their descendants (Ge 3:16-19; Ec 8:9; Ro 5:12)

**HOW FAMILY HAPPINESS WILL BE RESTORED (5 min.)**

Our heavenly Father would never allow his purpose for an eternally happy human family to be thwarted by disloyal rebels

Jehovah showed his fatherly love by including a prophecy of restoration while pronouncing judgment on the serpent, Satan **[Read Genesis 3:15]**

God will use Jesus, the primary part of the “offspring,” to bring an end to Satan and undo the effects of Adam’s sin (Joh 3:16; 1Jo 3:8)

By means of the ransom sacrifice of Jesus, “the last Adam,” all loyal descendants of ‘the first Adam’ will enjoy perfect family happiness forever (1Co 15:22, 45; Mt 20:28)

Jehovah’s purpose for families will have been accomplished when Jesus hands everything back to his Father **[Read 1 Corinthians 15:24-28]**

HOW CAN YOU HAVE A HAPPY FAMILY NOW? (14 min.)

God provides guidelines for families that result in happiness when applied (Pr 3:5, 6; 4:1-4; fg 18-19)

**[Read Ephesians 5:28-32]** Jehovah wants husbands and wives to be loyal to each other and to display unselfish love and to respect each other (Heb 13:4)

**[Read Ephesians 5:22-25, 33]** Jesus’ headship over the congregation serves as a model for Christian husbands (1Pe 3:7)

Husbands must show self-sacrificing love by providing for their family materially and taking the lead spiritually (De 6:5-7; 1Ti 5:8)

**[Read Ephesians 6:1-3]** Children find happiness when they obey their parents and learn how to apply Bible principles (Ec 11:9, 10; 12:1)

**[Read Ephesians 6:4]** A parent’s example in showing love for God will have a profound effect on his child For children to find lasting happiness, they must learn how to please their heavenly Father (2Ti 3:14, 15)

**A HAPPY GLOBAL FAMILY AT LAST! (3 min.)**

God’s promise of one united, happy global family will be realized (Ps 37:10, 11)

Would you like to be included among the happy ones described at Psalm 89:15, 16? [Read]

If so, we encourage you and your family to continue acquiring accurate knowledge of God’s will for families (Mt 5:3; Joh 17:3)

By means of God’s Kingdom, “all the families of the earth will be blessed” as they experience God’s promise of eternal peace and happiness (Ac 3:25)