

## LESSON NINE — Male and Female Roles in Parenting

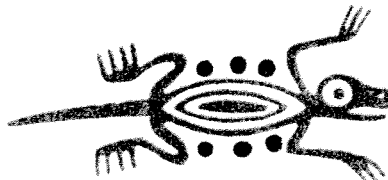
# Parenting Survey

As you read the following statements decide whether you *Agree*, *Disagree*, or are *Not Sure*. Then place an X in the space that best describes what you think.

|  | Agree | Disagree | Not Sure |
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| 1. Having children is the only way a boy becomes a man.                                |       |          |          |
| 2. Couples shouldn't limit the number of children they have.                           |       |          |          |
| 3. Having children is a financial burden which causes stress.                          |       |          |          |
| 4. Children should always be loyal to their parents.                                   |       |          |          |
| 5. Unless they have children, a couple is not accepted by their friends and relatives. |       |          |          |
| ✓ 6. Having children automatically makes people behave more responsibly.               |       |          |          |
| 7. Parenting children causes arguments and stress between a husband and wife.          |       |          |          |
| ✓ 8. Most women want to have children.   |       |          |          |
| 9. Men have the responsibility for carrying on the family name by having children.     |       |          |          |
| 10. Having children helps you feel more loved and less lonely.                         |       |          |          |
| 11. If a child gets into trouble, it is the parents' fault.                            |       |          |          |
| 12. Before a woman can be respected in our family, she must become a mother.           |       |          |          |
| ✓ 13. A marriage isn't complete until a couple has children.                           |       |          |          |
| 14. Parents have the right to take the credit for the achievements of their children.  |       |          |          |

|   | Agree | Disagree | Not Sure |
|---|-------|----------|----------|
| 15. The main reason people have children is because they have created something that will live on after they die.     |       |          |          |
| 16. The family is the only group of people in which a person can feel happy and safe.                                 |       |          |          |
| 17. Boring is the word to describe the job of staying home to take care of children.                                  |       |          |          |
| 18. It is natural for men to want to have children.   |       |          |          |
| 19. Before a couple has children they should think of the negative things that will happen to their relationship.     |       |          |          |
| 20. A marriage becomes stronger when a couple has children.   |       |          |          |
| 21. We all have a responsibility to have children some day.   |       |          |          |
| 22. If a person doesn't have children, family traditions will die.  |       |          |          |
| 23. Children should help take care of their parents when they grow old.   |       |          |          |
| 24. Becoming a parent puts greater pressure on people to succeed in life.   |       |          |          |
| 25. Having children is one of the most important purposes in life.  |       |          |          |
| 26. Before becoming romantically involved with a man, a woman should think about whether he would make a good parent. |       |          |          |
| 27. It is ok to have a child with someone even though you quarrel a lot.  |       |          |          |
| 28. It is important to know someone well before you marry and have children.  |       |          |          |
| 29. Our parents should help us decide who we should marry.  |       |          |          |
| 30. Sharing the same religious beliefs makes a family stronger.   |       |          |          |
| 31. Relationships always improve after a couple gets married and has children.  |       |          |          |

|   | Agree | Disagree | Not Sure |
|---|-------|----------|----------|
| 32. It's ok to marry someone you don't know very well because marriage will change both of you.   |       |          |          |
| 33. Someone with younger brothers and/or sisters doesn't need to learn parenting skills.          |       |          |          |
| 34. Being parents is the cause of most marriage problems.   |       |          |          |
| 35. Being a good parent requires having a good sense of humor.                                    |       |          |          |
| 36. Unhappy women should have children so they can feel loved.                                    |       |          |          |
| 37. All of the work that goes into parenting never pays off.                                      |       |          |          |
| 38. A woman should decide whether having children would interfere with her career.                |       |          |          |
| 39. People without children are never as happy as those who have children.                        |       |          |          |
| 40. A couple with common interests would make good parents.                                       |       |          |          |
| 41. Sharing household tasks is a sign of a healthy family.  |       |          |          |
| 42. Having children around all of the time causes a lot of stress.                                |       |          |          |
| 43. Women who criticize their husbands a lot are still good mothers.                              |       |          |          |
| 44. A good reason to have children is so you can do a better job than your parents did with you.  |       |          |          |
| 45. It's ok to have a child with someone who has told you he or she doesn't really want children. |       |          |          |



This exercise is adapted from *Adolescent Parent Resource Guide*, Ohio Department of Education, pp. 610-611.

