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Help Wanted: Complementary Women by Barbara Rainey

Genesis 2:18

Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

Wives have always found it difficult to live with what they want most: a husband. What we, as women, need perhaps more than ever, is a clear mental picture of our responsibilities as wives. The social changes brought about by the women's movement have been significant, but they have created a wake of grassroots confusion.

In the midst of our twentieth-century experience, God's design for husbands and wives still stands. And I believe that one clear scriptural part of a wife's role is completing what is lacking in her husband. In the words of Genesis, this involves being a helper that is "suitable" for him. Or, as the King James Version says, a help that is "meet" ("fit") for him. We are to complement or complete our husbands.

I love the story told about Pete Flaherty, mayor of Pittsburgh, and his wife, Nancy. They were standing on the sidewalk, surveying a city construction project, when one of the laborers at the site called out to them. "Nancy, remember me?" he asked. "We used to date in high school."

Later, Pete teased her. "Aren't you glad you married me? Just think, if you had married him, you would be the wife of a construction worker."

Nancy looked at him and said, "No, if I'd married him, he would be the mayor of Pittsburgh!"

God has designed women to help their husbands become all that God intends for them to be. As I fulfill my God-given purpose as helpmate to my husband, it helps build oneness between us. If I don't, it means tension, troubles and eventually, isolation.

Prayer: Ask God to weld you and your husband into partners who realistically understand one another's needs and gifts.

Discuss: In what ways do you feel your husband needs you? Share 5 to 10 ways if you can.

** For more couples devotionals go to <http://www.crosswalk.com/devotionals/momentstogether/>

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Backseat travel Tray!

From: Familyfun.go.com



Here's a tasty new twist on the traditional St. Patrick's Day shamrock—Sweet green pretzels fashioned from canned refrigerated bread stick dough and coated with a sprinkling of colored sugar and cinnamon.

Ingredients:

**Canned refrigerated bread stick dough (we used Pillsbury Original Breadsticks)*

**Colored sugar*

**Cinnamon*

Instructions:

- 1. Line a cookie sheet with aluminum foil and lightly coat it with cooking spray.*
- 2. To create the clover shape, mold 3 sections of bread sticks into hearts and press them together. Attach a small stem, decorate, bake according to the package directions and serve them up to your lucky guests!*

Serve up some backseat fun on your next road trip -- a tray full of magnetic games and drawing supplies.

Materials

- Baking sheet
- Plain white Con-Tact paper
- Magnetic tape
- Dry-erase markers
- Ribbon
- Plain paper
- Markers
- Buttons
- Pocket-style file folder

Instructions

1. To start, cover the cooking surface of a baking sheet with plain white Con-Tact paper to serve as a drawing board.
2. Affix pieces of magnetic tape to several dry-erase markers. For an eraser, tightly tie one end of a piece of ribbon to a small cloth square and the other end to the hole in the baking sheet handle.
3. For additional games, draw a checkerboard, simple crossword puzzles, or bingo-style scorecards of things to look for (a tractor, a sailboat, or a horse, for example) on sheets of plain paper. You can even turn buttons into game pieces by sticking magnetic tape to the backs.
4. Finally, create a handy storage place for your games by applying strips of magnetic tape to the back of a pocket-style file folder and attaching it to the back of the baking sheet.

Take a train trip!

Amtrak.com



Check out Amtrak.com! A family of four can take a short 3-5 day mini-vacation leaving from Minot, ND going to Glacier Park, Montana for around \$250.00 round trip TOTAL! They offer all sorts of deals and promotions just look for yourself! You can pretty much go anywhere. Some trains even offer sleeper cars, sleep, ride, eat and enjoy the view. You can do it all right there on the train while someone else drives! What a fun way to see the country! Plus with most families on a budget this year it's a super affordable way to have a little fun!

March Craft Corner ~ Familyfun.go.com

ROCKIN' GARDEN

Materials:

Shoe box lid
Sand
Rocks
Fine-point permanent marker
Plastic fork

Instructions:

Fill a shoe box lid with sand. During each outing, have your child collect a small, distinctive rock, then use a fine-point permanent marker to label it with the date and place he found it. Arrange the rocks in the lid and use a trimmed plastic fork to rake pleasing patterns in the sand!



Upcoming times to get together:

- Coffee with Verda!
Thursday mornings 9-11am. Just bring yourself and your kiddos! Verda provides breakfast!
- MOPS playgroup every Thursday morning @ CBC gym 10-noon.

Watch calendar and emails for actual dates and cancellations!



[Mommies Online](#)

Monthly Picks:

- *Dillyeo.com
- *Kids.woot.com
- *Mops.org



March Birthdays

Megan Herbert: Mar. 6
 Rita Jacobs: Mar 15
 Rachel Wyatt: Mar 16
 Melissa Choate: Mar22

*Happy
 Birthday!*

RANDOM BITS of INFORMATION:

****Are you interested in being even MORE involved with MOPS?! Then have we got the perfect place for you. On the Steering Team! We are recruiting steering members for the 2010-2011 MOPS year. If you are interested contact Trish Sargent @ 224-4338.**

**** Be sure to thank our Moppets workers! They do such a wonderful job taking care of our little ones each time we meet. Don't forget to let them know how much we appreciate their willingness to love on our kiddos!**

**MARCH
 2010**

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1	2 MOPS Steering meeting 9am	3	4	5	6 Megan Herbert	7
8	9 MOPS 9 AM	10	11 MOPS Playgroup 9am	12 No School Spring Break!	13	14
15 Rita Jacobs	16 Rachel Wyatt	17	18 MOPS Playgroup 9am	19	20	21
22 Melissa Choate	23 MOPS 9AM Pizza Ranch fundraiser	24	25 MOPS Playgroup 9am	26 No School-Conferences	27	28
29	30	31				