

# Glossary

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## MARRIAGE, PARENTHOOD, AND FAMILIES

### D

**discipline** the act of teaching a child through correction, direction, rules, and reinforcement

**divorce** the legal end to a marriage

### E

**emotional intimacy** the state of being emotionally connected to another person

**emotional maturity** the ability to assess a relationship or situation and to act according to what is best for oneself and for the other person in the relationship

**extended family** the people who are outside the nuclear family but are related to the nuclear family, such as aunts, uncles, grandparents, and cousins

### F

**family counseling** counseling discussions that are led by a third party to resolve conflict among family members

### M

**marriage** a lifelong union between a husband and a wife, who develop an intimate relationship

### N

**nuclear family** a family in which a mother, a father, and one or more biological or adopted children live together

### P

**parental responsibility** the duty of a parent to provide for the physical, financial, mental, and emotional needs of a child

### S

**sibling** a brother or sister related to another brother or sister by blood, the marriage of the individuals' parents, or adoption