

Hurry Home

THE BIG 6 GREAT DATE EXPERIMENT



Welcome to Great Date #3

Each of the 6 Great Dates revolves around one of **MarriedLife's Big 6 Essentials.**

This Great Date is focusing on the essential of **Hurry Home** and is designed to happen in the comfort of your own home. Why? Because a date night is a planned night together, whether that is in or out. On this Great Date, you are going to install your very own MarriedLife Home Security System. Once your security system is installed, you will have the peace of mind that comes from a plan of action to protect your attraction, interaction, reaction, traction, satisfaction, and lots of action... **Oh Yeah!**

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You will need the following **tools**:

- Dine-at-home dinner for two (take-out, delivery, home cooking together, a meal made up entirely of snack foods, etc.)
- Dessert
- Two phones
- Scissors
- Two pens

EXHIBIT A



For best results, DO NOT LOOK at the next steps before completing the one before it. FOLD EACH PAGE ON THE DOTTED LINE. SEE EXHIBIT A.



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STEP 1: Home Evaluation

In order for you to select the Home Security System that is right for you, you must do a home evaluation. The evaluation process begins by creating a dinner environment that could only happen in the privacy of your own home.

Without your spouse knowing the specifics...

Ladies: Grab your **phone**, and go put on that thing in your closet you love to wear (but don't get many chances). Wait on your man to call you.

Guys: Grab your **phone** and set up dinner in an **unexpected** area of your home.

Ladies/Guys: Before you separate, decide on the amount of time you want the dress-up/dinner setup to take.

Guys: Once your dinner setup is complete, go outside to the front door and call your wife to tell her you are there for dinner.

Ladies: When your man calls, answer the phone with one of the following, or make up your own:

- "Hello, you have reached the operator of love."
- "One hot mama. Who's calling please?"
- "You have reached 867-5309. Glad you didn't lose my number."
- Create your own.

Guys: Once your wife opens the door, greet her in a way that would make your nosey neighbor blush. Now grab her hand and lead her to the mystery dinner location.

Ladies: Close your eyes as your husband leads you to the mystery dinner location. When he tells you to open your eyes, be impressed, be very impressed.

Ladies/Guys: As you enjoy your dinner, answer the evaluation questions on Step 1B.

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STEP 1A



MarriedLife HOME SECURITY Installation STEP 1: Home Evaluation

As you are having dinner, do a home evaluation by answering the following questions:

1. What was your favorite room in your childhood home?
2. What was your favorite pet as a child?
3. What was the ugliest piece of furniture or decorative item in your home?
4. Were your parents "house" people - into decorating, cleaning, yard work, etc.?
5. How was your room decorated?
6. When you were in high school, which of your friends had the greatest *home* (not necessarily *house*)?
7. If you had to donate one piece of our furniture to charity, what would it be? (You can't replace it afterwards.)
8. If you had to steal one piece of furniture from one of our friends or relatives, what would it be?
9. If you had to trade homes with any of our friends or relatives, whose would it be and why?
10. What is your favorite part of our home?
11. Would you rather have more stuff for our home or more outside help with our home?
12. What is your favorite memory in this home?

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Home Sweet Home

When we are home, the sweetest thing about you is _____!

Home Again, Home Again, Jiggety Jig-

When we are home, you make me want to do a jig when you spend time with me doing _____.

There's No Place Like Home

There's no place like home because you make it feel _____.

Guys: Clean up from dinner and meet your wife in the kitchen.

Ladies: As your husband cleans, you will serve as DJ. (If you don't have a way to hear music in the kitchen, go dust off that boom box from college and keep it in the kitchen.) Feel free to sit and relax.

**Studies show that nothing is more effective at keeping out intruders than music blasting from inside.*

**We just made that up.*



STEP 1B



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STEP 2: Install Motion Detectors

Motion detectors add another barrier to your home alarm system. There is one thing that causes almost constant motion in and around our homes: household chores. Unfortunately, chores are a necessary part of your home life, but can unknowingly turn into intruders that break in and rob you of your fun! Differing views of how to handle household chores are a huge source of conflict for many couples. For some, chores are more than tasks; they are expressions of the heart. For some, it seems like they are serving the house, instead of the house serving them.

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On the following page is a list of common household chores. Use the space provided to add additional chores that are done in your home.



STEP 2A



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STEP 2: Install Motion Detectors

Household Chore List:

Inside the Home

- Washing laundry
- Loading the dishwasher
- Cleaning the kitchen
- Folding laundry
- Cleaning bathrooms
- Paying bills
- Putting away laundry
- Putting away the groceries
- Unloading the dishwasher
- Cooking
- Dusting
- Vacuuming

If you have kids:

- Helping them get ready for school/daycare
- Helping them with their homework
- Driving them to activities—sports, ballet, etc.
- Helping them get to and from school
- Helping them get ready for bed

Other inside chores:

- _____
- _____
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Outside the Home

- Grocery shopping
- Picking up dry cleaning
- Doing yard work

Other outside chores:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Lay your **Motion Detector** list on the table. Ask each other the questions below. (As you are answering the questions, you will probably get frustrated with your spouse. Therefore, you are allowed to hit your spouse once with a throw pillow.)

- What are the three chores you enjoy the most? (Relatively speaking, of course)
- Act out (charades) the three chores you wish would magically disappear.
- What are the three chores (if any) you feel take too much time and energy to complete? Why? Do you feel there are chores that could be cut out all together? Why?
- Are there any chores we could afford to pay someone else to do? If not, do you think it would be worth giving up something else in order to have the extra money to pay for outside help?
- Say to your spouse: "Since you dislike chore, I will be responsible to make sure it gets done for the next month."

To express gratitude for all the chores your spouse does around the house (relatively speaking, of course), turn up the music and do a 30-second dance.



STEP 2B



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STEP 3: Install Entry Point Sensors

In order for our homes to be secure, we have to “sensor” who and what comes in and out of our home. Our work, schedules and household chores can be the intruders that rob our home life of what it should be. We must beat our work and schedules at their own game, we must let these intruders know we are....

ALARMED AND DANGEROUS

The object of the "Alarmed and Dangerous" game is to get to your home before *The Intruder*. Use the scorecard on the next page to total the points from the instructions below. Who will make it home first... ***Mr. & Mrs. You or The Intruder?***

1. Award *Mr. & Mrs. You* 2 points if you have a set time every day when you stop doing work in order to enjoy being home. Award *The Intruder* 2 points if you don't.
2. Award *Mr. & Mrs. You* 2 points if you don't allow home or cell phones to intrude on your quality time at home. Award *The Intruder* 2 points if you do.
3. Award *Mr. & Mrs. You* 2 points if you stop and greet each other when you get home. Award *The Intruder* 2 points if you don't.
4. Award *Mr. & Mrs. You* 6 points for having this date.
5. Award *Mr. & Mrs. You* 2 points if you have a sit down meal together at least twice a week. Award *The Intruder* 2 points if you don't.
6. Award *Mr. & Mrs. You* 2 points if you have a set time every day when you stop doing chores in order to enjoy being home. Award *The Intruder* 2 points if you don't.
7. Award *Mr. & Mrs. You* 4 points if you have something fun you do together every week (e.g., watch movie, take a walk, play outside). Award *The Intruder* 4 points if you don't.
8. Award *Mr. & Mrs. You* 4 points if you only go to church, rest or play on Sunday. If you're that much like God, go ahead and award *Mr. & Mrs. You* 2 more points! Award *The Intruder* 6 points if you don't.
9. Award *Mr. & Mrs. You* 2 points if you have a weekly date at home or out. Award *The Intruder* 2 points if you don't.
10. Award *Mr. & Mrs. You* 2 points if you intentionally leave some blank space on your calendar to just enjoy being home. Award *The Intruder* 2 points if you don't.

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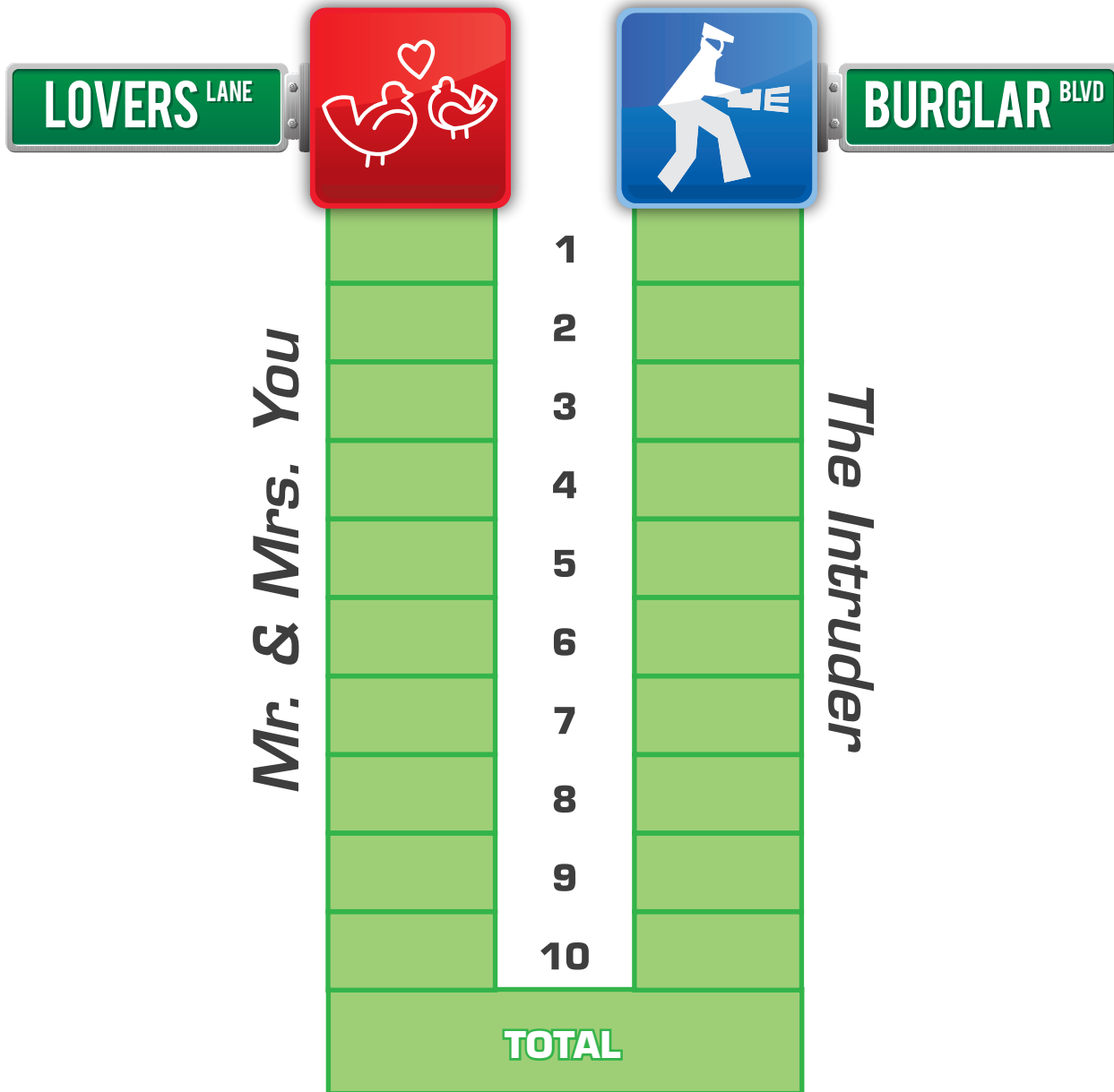


STEP 3A



MarriedLife HOME SECURITY Installation STEP 3: Install Entry Point Sensors

ARMED & DANGEROUS



STEP 3B



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STEP 4: Install the Protective Equipment

It is now time to install the protective equipment.

Go into the least-used room in your home to have your dessert.

As you have your dessert, answer the following:

- What about our home life do you think makes God the happiest?
What are one or two practical things we could do to keep it that way?
- What about our home life do you think God wants us to change?
What are one or two practical things we could do to change those thing(s)?
- God asks that we take one day a week to worship Him and rest. Are we doing that?

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STEP 4



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STEP 5: Place Security Decals & Yard Sign

Your alarm system comes with decals and a yard sign to remind you and potential intruders that your home is protected by MarriedLife Home Security System.

Cut out the MarriedLife Home Security Decals provided below. Place them where you will see them everyday, i.e. on your bathroom mirror, in your closet, on the dash of your car, beside your alarm keypad, on the door you enter and exit everyday, etc.

Place something you already own outside to serve as your "yard sign", i.e. place a small knick-knack beside the door you enter and exit everyday.

The **decals** and **yard sign** will serve to remind you to always **Hurry Home.**

Take a picture of the two of you beside your decal or your yard sign. Send your **picture** and **Great Date Story** to marriedlife@greatoaksc.org. If your **picture** and **story** are chosen as the winning entry, your next Great Date dinner is on Great Oaks! fold here

Kiss at the front door before you go inside. We think you know where to take it from here....

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STEP 5