

News Story Summary

A Georgia couple recently decided to tell their love story in an unusual way using shoes. Dr. Nicole Sparks and her husband Timothy Sparks created a video and used shoes to demonstrate the different stages of their lives together. They met at a gym, so the first set of shoes were sneakers. The second set were the shoes they wore when they got engaged. The next? The shoes they wore at their wedding. Then came medical school and residency and children, all represented with shoes. The video has received over 4 million likes on social media.

(For more on this story, search the Internet using the term “Georgia couple uses shoes to explain love story”.)

Focus Attention

To replace the ideas under Focus Attention, begin by leading the group to share things people ask when they meet a couple (how you met, the proposal, an adventure together, etc.) Summarize the story of the Sparks and their viral video. Lead the group to discuss other items that could be used to tell a relationship story other than shoes (hats, car or vehicle in, date, item purchased). Emphasize how these reminders serve as a reminder of the importance of relationships in our lives. Complete the step using the Transition idea as written.

Summarize and Challenge

To supplement the Review idea under Summarize and Challenge, recall the story of the Sparks and their story told with shoes. Ask: *Why do you think a simple video became so popular? How did this couple’s video express that they valued each other and their relationship?* Complete the step as written.