

Duggar Clan Adds Yet Another Member

The Duggar clan just keeps on growing—though this time it's through marriage.

Jessa Duggar, star of *19 Kids and Counting*, is engaged to marry Ben Seewald. Seewald and Duggar have been courting for 11 months.

"We are so blessed to be engaged!" the couple said in a statement. "God has written an amazing story through our courtship, and another chapter has just begun! We are thrilled to see what the future holds—especially the wedding bells!"

According to *US* magazine, Duggar is 21 and Seewald is 19. To celebrate 11 months together, Seewald gave Duggar a pearl bracelet and handwritten note.

"What good are such beautiful pearls if not to have the grace of being worn by one so elegant and majestic as yourself?" the note reads. "These pearls were like I am when we're apart; but not anymore! I love you, my precious princess!"

In what is becoming a Duggar family tradition, Jessa will follow in the footsteps of her sister Jill and save her first kiss for marriage, *US* reports.