

APPENDIX 2

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

LEVEL I - JR. HIGH: TOB UNIT 2



THEME: THE IMAGE OF GOD

SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In the coming unit, your child will dive deeply into the Theology of the Body (TOB) theme **The Image of God**.

The human person, created male and female, is most like God out of all material creation. To be a human person means to be the kind of being that has the ability to think, freely choose, and be in a special relationship with God himself. The human person is able to understand the meaning of the gift of creation, and to be a “partner” with God in a covenantal way (TOB 6:2). Because of this, humans have dominion over creation, and have the responsibility to care for it and protect it.

In the next few lessons, your child will continue to read and ponder the meaning of the creation story. In Gen 1:20 – 2:3, we see the greatness of all creation as well as the special place of the human person. Being made in the image of God means that man has a fundamental dignity that can never be taken away. God is present to us, with us and in us, 24 hours a day, holding us in existence.

As the lessons unfold, the class will participate in activities that will help them recognize the absolute uniqueness of every human person. Each one of us, with our strengths and weaknesses, our gifts and disabilities, reveal to the world the Triune God of love. From our heads to our toes, and in our unique set of fingerprints, we are each a unique and unrepeatable son or daughter of God.

GERMINATE THE SEED



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION:

In what ways are we more like God than the animals? **(Note to parents: Discuss with your children the ability to think, freely choose, and worship).*



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GROW THE SEED



FAMILY ACTIVITY:

The Beauty and Order of Creation — As a family, (using markers, colored pencils or paint and notecards, paper, or poster board) create the seven images of creation: 1) *Day and Night*; 2) *Water and Heavens*; 3) *Land and Sea*; 4) *Sun and Moon*; 5) *Birds and Fish*; 6) *Cattle, Beasts, and Man*; and 7) *Day of Rest*. Mix them up in random order, and line them up in front. Read aloud Genesis 1:1 – 2:3. Once you recognize the image of creation that is being read, place it in order until all the pieces are in the proper order. Test family members to see if they can memorize each day of creation in order.

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your spirit and life.

Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly, that my life may only be a radiance of Yours.

Shine through me so that every soul I come in contact with may feel Your presence in my soul. Let them look and see no longer me, but only Jesus!

Amen.

St. José Sánchez, pray for us!

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