

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

FIRST GRADE: TOB LESSON 9

THEME: MARRIAGE IS A GIFT OF GOD

SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) lesson, **Marriage is a Gift of God**, we will talk about how each of us were created unique as a boy or a girl. We will talk about our differences and how sharing our differences can create something great.

The Trinity is a magnificent mystery. You could think about the Trinitarian nature of God for your entire life and still have an infinite amount of unknown riches to experience and explore in heaven. God's life-giving love is revealed through the Trinity (three divine persons, one divine God). This relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is eternal and bears new life. Knowing we are created in the image and likeness of life-giving love helps us understand our unique call to participate in that love here on earth. Our identity calls us forward to continue the work of God's creation through loving others, in the way that God call us to love.

For the activity, "God created colors!" your child will look at how two different colors can be combined to make a third beautiful, distinct color. We will also do an activity called "Sharing our Differences" showing how people sharing different talents can collaborate to create something wonderful as well.

GERMINATE THE SEED



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION:

Ask, "What makes each person in the family unique and unrepeatable?" Followed by, "How is each of us a gift that contributes to our family?"





FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Write a specific prayer together in gratitude to God for the differences that make you each unique. Make sure to include everyone in the family. Consider making this a prayer that you pray together often.

FAMILY PRAYER:

Heavenly Father, thank you for making us unique and unrepeatable. Thank you for making us boys and girls, men and women, created to image you by making gifts of ourselves in love, especially through the sacrament of Marriage. Help us each day to grow closer to you and to have the courage to live the lives you have called us to.

Amen.

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