

# PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

## SECOND GRADE: TOB LESSON 3

### THEME: ORIGINAL UNITY (PART 1)

#### SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) lesson, we will discuss one of man's first experiences — **Original Unity**. Original Unity follows Adam's experience of Original Solitude. For the first time in the creation account, God states something is 'not good:' "It is not good for man to be alone." So, He promises to make a helper for him. "Man became the image of God not only through his own humanity, but also through the communion of persons, which man and woman form from the very beginning" (TOB 9:3).

In this lesson, your child will learn that giving gifts leads to happiness. We will reread the story *The Quiltmaker's Gift* by Jeff Brumbeau to explore the king's personal transformation, who learns that giving leads to happiness. The class will explain why Adam was so happy when God created Eve as a helper for him.

The class will participate in the activity "Sharing God's Gifts with Others." Your child will draw the gifts of creation that God presented to Adam, with Eve as the ultimate gift. The class will discuss how happy Adam was when Eve was created, and the beauty of being created in the image of God as male and female.

#### GERMINATE THE SEED



#### FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION:

Thinking about your classmates and teachers, friends and family, who in your life is a gift to you? Share a little bit about what makes them a gift.





### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

After discussing the people who are gifts to you, write a prayer thanking God for them. Decorate the paper if you wish. Pray these prayers together. Consider giving that person your hand-crafted prayer as a gift.

### **FAMILY PRAYER:**

Family Member: Heavenly Father, we are thankful for the many gifts you give to us.

All respond after each intention: "Thank you God."

Family Member:

For the gift of the world...

For the gift of my family...

For the gift of my school...

For the gift of my friends...

For the gift of my life...

For the gift of my body and soul...

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.

Amen.

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