

# PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

## SECOND GRADE: TOB LESSON 7

### THEME: THE DIGNITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON

#### SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) lesson, your child will learn what **The Dignity of the Human Person** means: that each person has inestimable value because we are the only creature created in the image and likeness of God. The world often places a disordered value in temporal things. Beauty, athleticism and intelligence are good, but they can never represent the full dignity of the human person. Jesus asks us to love and serve with dignity the 'least of our brothers and sisters' (Mt 25:40) such as the poor, the vulnerable, the outcast, etc.

In this lesson, we will read the story of *Saint George and the Dragon*, as retold by Margaret Hodges in class. The class will identify similarities between the Red Cross Knight and Jesus Christ. Your child will see how both characters demonstrated sacrificial love and respect of the infinite value of self and others.

The class activity is called "All Human Persons Are Worth Protecting." Your child will look at pictures of people in various stages of life (babies, disabled persons, homeless persons, suffering, and aging persons), all of whom are equal in dignity. The class will discuss ways to help and protect the vulnerable and those in need.

#### GERMINATE THE SEED



#### FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION:

Do we tend to place people's value in their gifts and talents rather than in the whole person?





### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

Family Service — How can our family show the love of Jesus to those who need it the most? \***(Note to parents:** *Small acts of love go a long way: taking a meal to someone elderly or sick; smiling at and visiting with someone who is lonely; sending a card of encouragement to someone to let them know you are praying for them, etc).*

Choose someone in your neighborhood/community who is elderly, sick, or needs encouragement. Decide on a way to extend the love of Jesus to them — prepare a meal for them as a family; visit and pray with them; help them with their yardwork, etc.

### **FAMILY PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, we pray for those who are lonely, for those who are sick, for those who are weak and need protection. Please send your mercy and healing grace upon them. Remind them that they are a unique gift made in Your image and likeness, and they are truly loved. We ask this in the Name of Jesus, Our Lord.

Amen.

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