

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

SECOND GRADE: TOB LESSON 8

THEME: MY FAMILY IS A GIFT FROM GOD

SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) lesson, your child will learn **My Family is a Gift from God**, and that God is present within your family. The Trinitarian complementarity of spouses that leads to the fruitfulness of children provides the foundation for the nurturing environment of the home and the witness of the spouses who exemplify the self-giving love to which Christ calls all human persons. Because the family is comprised of unique and unrepeatable persons made in the image and likeness of God, each family is called to be a unique manifestation of God's love.

In this lesson, the class will discuss symbols and how they represent things. Then, they will participate in the activities called "Speaking through Symbols," by drawing symbols on the board and guessing what they represent. For example, a student may draw a heart to represent love. The second activity, "Family Crest," will give your child the opportunity to create a family crest with symbols that represent your family.

GERMINATE THE SEED



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION:

Ask your child to share with the whole family the family crest he/she designed.

What are the strengths and positive characteristics of our family?





FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Family Traits/Guessing Game — Write each family member’s name on a small piece of paper, fold it in half, and place in a bowl/cup. Have each member draw a name (keep it anonymous but redraw if you get your own name). Have each person take a turn to draw symbols that represent their person and see if the other family members can guess who it is.

FAMILY PRAYER:

The Holy Family Prayer — JESUS, Son of God and Son of Mary, bless our family. Graciously inspire in us the unity, peace, and mutual love that you found in your own family in the little town of Nazareth. MARY, Mother of Jesus and Our Mother, nourish our family with your faith and your love. Keep us close to your Son, Jesus, in all our sorrows and joys. Joseph, Foster-father to Jesus, guardian and spouse of Mary, keep our family safe from harm. Help us in all times of discouragement or anxiety.

Amen.

Stay up to date with the TOB lessons your child is learning in the classroom. Look for the leaf at the bottom of your child’s worksheets to see a summary of their current TOB lesson labeled “THEOLOGY OF THE BODY TIDBITS.”

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