

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

SECOND GRADE: TOB LESSON 9

THEME: THE BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) lesson, **The Body is a Temple of the Holy Spirit**, your child will recognize that human persons become living tabernacles through Baptism and by receiving Holy Communion. This theme correlates the presence of Jesus Christ hidden within the tabernacle to the presence of the Holy Spirit hidden within each person. In both cases, reverence is due to that hidden reality. In church, we genuflect to Christ in the tabernacle as a way of showing respect for Jesus in the Eucharist. We are also meant to show reverence to one another because God dwells within each one of us.

In this lesson, your child will discuss the tabernacle and its purpose. They will explore the artwork in and around it and how it symbolizes the value of the treasure within. They will discover how each human person, particularly Mary, is a living tabernacle.

The class will create and decorate a tabernacle and color a picture of Mary as they discuss how she was the first living tabernacle.

GERMINATE THE SEED



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What are some ways that our family can show reverence for the tabernacle when we go to church?
What are some ways we can show reverence for our bodies as living tabernacles?





FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Create a prayer space in your home to remind you that your home is a sacred space just as your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit. ***(Note to parents: This can be as simple as placing a crucifix and a few other holy items in a corner of the living room. Gather together there to pray the family prayer).***

FAMILY PRAYER:

Thank you, Heavenly Father for all you have given us in your generosity. Thank you for the gift of your son, Jesus and for His sacrifice on the cross for us. Thank you for giving us Mary to look to as our own Heavenly Mother. Help us to see the beauty and blessing of your presence in the tabernacle at our own parish. Help us to see the beauty and the blessing of your presence within us and each other, especially as we receive you in the Holy Eucharist.

Amen.

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