

# PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

## THIRD GRADE: TOB LESSON 4



### THEME: FAMILIES ARE A GIFT OF GOD

#### SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) lesson, we will learn that **Families are a Gift of God**. “The family is the first and fundamental school of social living, it finds in self-giving the law that guides it and makes it grow” (Pope St. John Paul II, *The Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World*). Made in the image and likeness of God, the family reflects the Holy Trinity, and it is from the Trinity that the family finds its identity as a communion of persons. The complementarity of the male and female spouses that leads to the fruitfulness of children provides the foundation for the nurturing environment of the home. Furthermore, the witness of the spouses exemplifies the sacrificial, self-giving love to which Christ calls all human persons.

In this lesson, your child will learn that God created families as a loving gift. The class will discuss how family members give and receive love, and help each other get to heaven.

Your child will participate in a class activity called “Blindfolded Maze.” The lesson the activity teaches is to identify how the journey of life toward heaven is more certain, directed, and easier when we help one another along the way.

#### GERMINATE THE SEED



#### FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION:

What are some things our family members can do to help us stay on the right path to heaven? **\*(Note to parents: Our family can help us by having us baptized, praying with us, taking us to Mass, telling us when we are not making good choices, etc.).**





### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Special People in Our Lives — God gives us many people in our lives that help us stay on the right path to heaven. Have each family member think of one person that helps them stay on the right path to heaven. Share with your family members the person you chose, and how this person is a gift. Write and send a thank you card to this person for the gift they are to you.

### FAMILY PRAYER:

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH, make our family one with you. Help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. May we always have God at the center of our hearts and homes until we are all one family, happy and at peace in our true home with you.

Amen.

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