

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

THIRD GRADE: TOB LESSON 8



THEME: ORIGINAL SOLITUDE (PART 2)

SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

The first original experience is **Original Solitude**. After creating Adam, God promises to make him a helper (partner), so he will not be alone. You'd think He would have created Eve right away, but instead He creates the animals and birds and brings them to Adam to name. In doing so, Adam realizes he is set apart from them, and experiences solitude or a longing to experience God's beautiful creation with someone who is like him. Adam is one of a kind because he alone is in the image of God, and he alone can enter into "a unique, exclusive, and unrepeatable relationship with God himself" (TOB 6:2). Original Solitude reveals we are created for relationship. Just like Adam and Eve, you have a unique, exclusive, and unrepeatable relationship with God, and so do each one of your children.

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) lesson, Original Solitude (Part 2): Where We Are Now, your child will read the biblical passage about The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in Genesis that describes what caused the wounded relationship between God and humans. Adam and Eve lost their trust in God and disobeyed Him. Jesus came to help us learn to trust in God the Father.

The class activity is called "Where We Are Now." This is the second part of the "Salvation History Timeline," which your child began working on in the last lesson. Your child will discover the importance of friendship with God and others by growing in trust and love with Jesus. The class will discuss the gift of Baptism, which frees us from sin, and makes us God's children.

GERMINATE THE SEED



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION:

What makes Baptism such a special part of our lives? **(Note to parents: Baptism washes away the stain of Original Sin, and we are 'reborn' in the life of the Holy Trinity. We are sons and daughters of God in His Family, the Church).*





FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Baptism Anniversaries — Gather pictures and share memories of each family members' Baptism Day. If you don't remember the date, you can ask a witness, or call the church where the Baptism took place. Make it a family tradition to recognize family Baptisms each year.

FAMILY PRAYER:

Good and loving God, thank You for loving us and revealing yourself to us through Scripture. Thank you for giving us your only Son to save us from our sin and bring us back to You. Thank you for the gift of our Baptism. May we live out our baptismal promises everyday as we seek to grow closer to You.

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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