

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

FOURTH GRADE: TOB LESSON 2

THEME: VOCATION

SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) lesson, your child will learn about **Vocation**.

My vocation is a calling from God that arises from acknowledging all of creation as a gift, including me. Think of it this way. God has gifted life to us and gives Himself to us. He calls us in turn to develop and flourish by the loving gift of ourselves to others. Storybooks are particularly good at illustrating for children how selfish choices lead to the mistreatment of others and unhappiness, while making the loving gift-of-self to others brings happiness and fulfillment.

In the lesson, we will reread the story *Peppe the Lamplighter* by Elisa Bartone. Your child will discuss Peppe's gift-of-self in the story and then do an activity highlighting three ways in which he or she can make a gift-of-self through work. Then your child will assign intentions to offer with each of their tasks, showing how the work they do will help them fulfill the mission that God has for them on earth, and to more fully image God, since God works too.

GERMINATE THE SEED



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Have you ever offered your work for an intention? What did it feel like?

**(Note to parents: It's important to encourage our kids in their own prayer life, so they can develop a relationship with the Lord, to grow in intimacy with HIM, and thus be able to hear His voice and respond with a YES! to their vocation in life. Try it yourself. Offer an intention for each of your children as you fold that child's laundry).*





FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Go to silent adoration time together as a family or read stories from the Bible to learn about how others responded to the call of God (Examples are: 1 Sam 3, 1 Kings 19, Exodus 3, etc.).

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear Lord, thank you for the vocation to which you are calling each of us. Thank you for the gifts you have given us. Please help us to use our gifts and talents for others. Please give us the grace to listen to You each day in prayer, to build a relationship with 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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