

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

FOURTH GRADE: TOB LESSON 5

THEME: MARRIAGE IS A GIFT OF GOD

SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) lesson, your child will learn that **Marriage is a Gift of God**. Knowing that we are created in the image and likeness of life-giving love (The Trinity) helps us understand our unique call to participate in that love here on earth. We are called to love our friends, family, and all other human persons. When we choose to love selflessly, we image the love of our Creator. We can image God in our relationships with others, but the most obvious and visible display is revealed through the fruitfulness of marriage and family life.

This week, your child will do an activity called “Reading the Signs of God’s Love.” The activity will reveal the completed phrase “Marriage points to heaven.” Then we will discuss Ephesians 5:25 from the Bible and what it means. Your child will then do an activity entitled “Husbands and Wives Love Like Jesus.” In this activity your child will think of ways that husbands and wives can sacrifice for each other.

GERMINATE THE SEED



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION:

Think of a married couple you admire. Discuss with your children how their love for each other teaches us about the love Christ has for the Church. **(Note to parents: You can discuss with your child how husbands and wives sacrifice for the other, how they choose to do what is best for the other, even if it's hard, how they are faithful to each other and how their love can carry on through children).*





FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Take some time to write a note to the couple discussed above thanking them for their witness.

FAMILY PRAYER:

Prayer for a Married Couple:

O God, who in creating the human race willed that man and wife should be one, keep, we pray, in a bond of inseparable love those who are united in the Sacrament of Marriage, so that, as you make their love fruitful, they may become, by your grace, witnesses to charity itself.

Through Christ our Lord,

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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