

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

FOURTH GRADE: TOB LESSON 8

THEME: ORIGINAL UNITY (PART 2)

SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body lesson, your child will continue the theme of Original Unity but this time we will discuss **Original Unity (Part 2): Where we Are Now.**

In the last lesson, your child learned about original unity “in the beginning”, but in this lesson the focus shifted to “where we are now.” After sin entered the world, relationships with God, with one another, with creation, and within ourselves, were damaged and broken. God sent his Son, Jesus, to save us and redeem our broken relationships. Through prayer and the sacraments, God invites us to experience healing so that our relationships can again be full of authentic love. God wants our families to truly be a living image of the Trinity, a communion of love. Jesus, gives us the Eucharist (His Body) as a total gift-of-self, showing us how to love and giving us the grace to do it.

In this lesson, your child was given the chance to continue their timeline to see where we fit today in the history of salvation. Your child was asked questions about how they can “give their lives to others,” (sacrifice for another) in imitation of Jesus who gave His life for us.

GERMINATE THE SEED



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

In order to truly be a living image of the Trinity in our family, we have to give and receive forgiveness when we hurt each other. Do we ask for forgiveness when we hurt each other? How can we do a better job of giving and receiving forgiveness and build the communion of persons in our family?





FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Go to confession together as a family. **(**Note to parents:** We can only learn to forgive and reconcile with one another when we have experienced the love and forgiveness from God first. We can't give what we do not have. But when we experience God's merciful love, then we are able to share that with our families and with others).*

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, thank you for calling us to communion. Please help us to overcome any obstacles in our relationships with one another. Please heal us, show us your love and help us to share that love with one another.

We ask this through Christ our Lord,

Amen.

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