

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

FOURTH GRADE: TOB LESSON 9

THEME: ORIGINAL UNITY (PART 3)

SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) lesson, your child will continue the theme of Original Unity but this time we will discuss **Original Unity (Part 3): Our Destiny**.

In the lesson the theme of Original Unity continues in the context of heaven: We started the theme by thinking about original unity in the beginning before sin, then we looked at the call to communion we experience right now, and this lesson is about the call to communion and unity in heaven with God and with others. The Church teaches that at the end of time, when Christ comes again, there will be a resurrection of the body for everyone. At this time, our souls and bodies will be reunited. So, in heaven (and hell) people will exist in a bodily way. We will still be male and female. This is one reason why it is so important to honor and respect our bodies and treat them in accord with the dignity God gives us.

For the activity, your child will complete the timeline. We will discuss what heaven will be like and reflect on what the resurrected body of Jesus was like, as Scripture described Him. We will also discuss the perfect union with God and others in heaven.

GERMINATE THE SEED



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTION:

What do you think heaven will be like? **(Note to parents: In heaven God calls us to the communion of saints (union with one another), to the beatific vision (union with God) and to the resurrection of the body as male and female. We await the end of time for this resurrection to happen. But at death, the soul of every person keeps on living).**





FAMILY ACTIVITY:

If possible, go visit graves of family members. Pray for them and bring flowers if possible. Discuss the memories you have of this person together as a family.

FAMILY PRAYER:

Lord God, thank you for our family. Thank you for all the generations that have come before us and provided for us up until now. We thank you in advance for the gifts you have in store for our family in the future. Please lead every person in our family to heaven, so that we can share in the eternal exchange of love in the communion of persons with You and one another forever.

Amen.

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