

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

FIFTH GRADE: TOB LESSON 6

THEME: FRIENDSHIP

SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) lesson, your child will learn about **Friendship**. “This is my commandment: love one another as I have loved you. No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall no longer call you servants because the servant does not know the master’s business; I call you friends because I have made known to you everything I have learned from my father” (Jn 15:12-15). Notice that the greatest act of friendship is all about the gift-of-self, that is, laying down your life for your friend. Of course, we know Jesus literally died for us, but in most cases “laying down your life for a friend” means to deny our selfish ways and choose to do something for the good of another, for a friend.

In this lesson, students will reflect on what it means to be a true friend. What makes a good friendship? What makes a bad friendship? They will look at scripture to learn how to be a better friend by studying Jesus’ perfect model of friendship and then discuss what qualities they need to possess to be a good friend.

GERMINATE THE SEED



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Who are your best friends? Why? **(Note to parents: Each member of the family, including parents, can share who their best friends are and why. You can also share with your kids about the friends you had growing up).*





FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Play “Pass the Story” — Start with “Once upon a time there were two friends named _____ and _____.” Take turns adding a sentence to the story until you feel it is complete. When you are done, talk about the friendship that was shared by the characters. Were they good friends to each other? Why or Why not?

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, thank you for all the friends our family has. Thank you for the ways these friends bless our family. Please make our family into a blessing for others. Help each of us to be good friends for others.

Amen.

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