

# PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

## SEVENTH GRADE: TOB UNIT 1

### THEME: MAN OF CONCUPISCENCE

#### SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) unit, your child will thoroughly explore the theme **Man of Concupiscence**.

In this unit, your child will be introduced to the nature of sin and its effects. Sin not only impacts the sinner but also our relationship with God, others and the world. Reflecting on what happened to Adam and Eve in original sin helps us to reflect on our own lives, because the pattern of sin and redemption is the same for us.

In the next few lessons, your child will read and ponder the meaning of Genesis 2:15-17 and 3:1-7. In this reading, your child will hear the story of Adam and Eve and the lies of the serpent. They will listen as Eve is convinced of these lies and chooses to doubt the gifts that God has given them. They will learn that sin brings brokenness into our lives. When man breaks his covenant with God, he breaks his relationship to himself, others and the world. We encourage you to read the lesson in your child's Student Common Place Book for a deeper understanding.

As the lessons continue, your child will play a game called "Minefield" and analyze excerpts from "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" to help them connect this understanding of the effects of sin to their own lives. The class will also participate in class discussion to dive more deeply into their understanding, and ability to make reasonable connections.

#### GERMINATE THE SEED



#### **FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

Do you think that when one member of our family sins (for example is unkind to a parent or sibling or lies to another family member) that it affects others, or does it only affect them? If so, how?





### **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

To illustrate the fact that personal sin affects more than just the sinner, create a “Rube Goldberg” type machine. You can make it super complicated or as simple as lining up dominoes and showing that when one falls, it causes the others to fall as well.

### **FAMILY PRAYER:**

Heavenly Father, remind us that you are all loving and merciful. Help us to turn to you through the sacrament of confession for forgiveness when we fall into sin and give us the grace and strength to resist temptation.

St. Mary Magdalene, Pray for us!

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