

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

EIGHTH GRADE: TOB UNIT 5

THEME: LOGIC OF DOMINATION VS. LOGIC OF GIFT

SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

In this Theology of the Body (TOB) unit, your child will understand the meaning of the theme **Logic of Domination vs. Logic of Gift**.

God created the world from nothing by a free and generous act because he is Love. There are two ways to see the gift of creation: “*logic of gift*” and the “*logic of domination*.” The logic of *gift* recalls that creation comes from another and has God-given meaning and purpose that I *discover*, not *decide*. The logic of *domination* (after original sin) means I decide the meaning of the gift and therefore can treat things and people however I see fit.

In this unit, your child will read “This is how one should regard us, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God” (1 Corinthians 4:1-7). We are called by God to be stewards (caretakers) of creation, to engage creatively and collaborate with it and the Creator, to bring about great and wonderful things.

As the lessons unfold, the class will participate in an activity that demonstrates the idea that responsibility and creativity go together. The *original meaning of the dominion* given to Adam and Eve over creation is not domination but to receive and care for what has been given to them by God, and to be responsible for it and creatively help it grow and flourish.

GERMINATE THE SEED



FAMILY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

In what ways do we dominate the gift of creation (ourselves, others, nature) that God has entrusted to us? How can we show more reverence and help God’s gift of creation (ourselves, others, nature) grow and flourish? ***(Note to parents: Caring for one another and creation).**





FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Based on your discussion above, think of an action you could take as a family to change something in your lives from domination into dominion. For example, fix the bike that is broken instead of throwing it away and buying a new one.

FAMILY PRAYER:

Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives.

Amen. St. Hildegard, pray for us!

Want to learn more? Visit RuahWoodsInstitute.org/parents to view a TOB parent presentation.

