

PARENT / GUARDIAN CONNECTION

KINDERGARTEN: TOB LESSON 2



THEME: CREATION IS A GIFT (PART 2)

SOW THE SEED



Dear Parents,

Continuing the theme of **Creation Is a Gift** in this Theology of the Body (TOB) lesson, your child will learn that the human person is created in the image of God and therefore is set apart as the pinnacle of all creation. We see this affirmed when once God creates the human person, He said that it is “very good.”

Adam, the first human person, was called to “name the animals,” showing his authority over them. This ordering comes from being closely connected to God in Adam’s interior life, through his intellect and free will. This free will was given in order for human beings to have the ability to freely choose the good. Unlike our modern culture’s idea of freedom, which is to do whatever we want, Adam and Eve were intimately connected to God and free of selfishness and pride. They only knew love and goodness.

We see later in the Garden of Eden, God gives Adam and Eve the commandment not to eat of the tree of Good and Evil, testing their free will to love and serve Him. We can see here that by being a rational and free being, man and woman were different than the rest of creation.

In this lesson, we will read the book *Blueberries for Sal* together and discuss gifts given by God to the characters in the story. Then your child will be led through a guided meditation on the gifts of creation.

GERMINATE THE SEED



FAMILY DISCUSSION:

What makes the human person different than all the animals, plants and objects in creation?
(Note to parents: What makes the human person different is our ability to think (intellect) and to make rational choices (free will). These are great gifts from God that we must learn to use responsibly to care for creation. The gift of free will also enables us to enter into personal relationships with one another and with God).





FAMILY ACTIVITY:

Go outside and take a walk. Make a list of ten things that show God's wonder and goodness ...look at the trees, the sky, the flowers. Is there something you notice differently that possibly you have overlooked before?

FAMILY PRAYER:

Dear God, thank you for the gift of your creation especially the beautiful nature that we see every day. Thank you for the gift of our lives, our house, for food, for clothing, and especially for the gift of one another and the gift of being in a relationship with You. Please help us to be a gift to one another every day.

We ask this in the name of Jesus,
Amen.

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