

KINDERGARTEN

REVEALED

God's Plan for the
Human Person

TEACHER'S GUIDE

Accompanied by

***BLUEBERRIES FOR SAL &
AN EGG IS QUIET***

**Required & requested changes mock-up for 2024
USCCB Conformity Edition of Teacher's Guide
11-20-24**



REVEALED: THEOLOGY of the BODY

K-12 CURRICULUM



GUIDED LEARNING QUESTIONS

Recall the story we read, *Blueberries for Sal* (read, review or do a picture walk if necessary).

In the story *Blueberries for Sal*, did mama bear name her male baby bear? No, animals do not name their babies in real life either.

How do you think *Sal* got her name?

Her mother and father named their daughter "Sally" or "Sal" when she was born.

In the story how does *Sal's* mother show her care for her daughter?

She drives her to Blueberry Hill for food to eat. She gives her a pail to collect blueberries in. Her mother is picking blueberries to store for food in the winter for *Sal* to enjoy.

WHAT'S IN A NAME ACTIVITY



Have the students turn to their two different WHAT'S IN A NAME activity sheets on pages 27-28 in their student activity book. Help the students complete both unique sheets. Be sure to highlight that God calls us to care for creation. If time allows, the students can share their work with the class.

ORIGINAL
SOLITUDE
(PART 2)

WRAP UP



Before you end class, remind students that God gave human persons the unique task of caring for creation.

God gave the first human, Adam, the job of caring for the garden of Eden and naming the animals.



Illuminations

Christians are baptized in the name of the Trinity. We recall our baptism each day when we begin our day with the Sign of the Cross. This is a way of dedicating our day to the glory of God and asking for the grace of Christ that allows us to act in the Spirit. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* speaks beautifully of the Christian name in paragraphs 2156-59: "God calls each one by name.¹ Everyone's name is sacred. The name is the icon of the person. It demands respect as a sign of the dignity of the one who bears it" (2158).



Pietro Perugino, *Baptism of Christ* (1500)

1. Cf. Isaiah 43:1; John 10:3.

PARTS OF A FAMILY ACTIVITY



Have the students turn to their BOY AND GIRL CUTOUT sheet on page 39 in their student activity book. Instruct students to trace the words “Girl” and “Boy” at the bottom of the page, and then cut the images out along the dotted lines. If time and materials are available, have students paste jumbo wood craft sticks to the back of the boy and girl cutouts. These will act as handles for the students to hold the images.

Everyone hold up the picture of the girl. Great! Put that down on your desk. Now, hold up the picture of the boy. Excellent! Put that down on your desk.

I am going to ask you a few questions. When the answer is “girl,” raise the picture of the girl. When the answer is “boy,” raise the picture of the boy. If the answer is both “boy” and “girl,” then hold both of them in the air. Let’s start with both the boy and the girl lying flat on your desks.

Who can be a daughter?

Students should raise the picture of the girl.

Who can be a dad?

Students should raise the picture of the boy.

Who can be a friend?

Students should raise both the boy and girl pictures.

Who can be a mom?

Students should raise the picture of the girl.

Who can be a grandma?

Students should raise the picture of the girl.

Who can be a brother?

Students should raise the picture of the boy.

Who can be a student?

Students should raise both the boy and girl pictures.

Who can be an uncle?

Students should raise the picture of the boy.

Who is a child of God?

Students should raise both the boy and girl pictures.

Tell students to put their boy and girl pictures down for the rest of the lesson.

GUIDED LEARNING QUESTIONS

In the story, Blueberries for Sal is Sal a girl or a boy?

She is a girl. We only use the pronouns “she/her” for girls. Girls can have short hair and wear overalls. Sal’s hair length nor her clothes can determine or change that she is a girl.

Is Sal a son or a daughter?

She is a daughter because only girls can be daughters.

Is Sal’s mother a girl or a boy?

She is a grown-up girl (or a woman) because you have to be a girl (or a female) to be a mother.

When a baby is inside his or her mother’s womb, he or she is already created a boy or a girl and will stay that way their whole life. Being a boy or a girl cannot be changed.

Who gives the gift of babies to mommies and daddies?

God is the Creator and gives the gift of the baby to the mommy and daddy.

How do mommies keep their baby safe?

Mothers keep their baby safe in their belly (womb) before he or she is born.

How do daddies keep their baby safe while it is in mommy's belly?

Daddies can help keep the baby safe while the baby is still in the mommy's belly (womb). One way they can do this is by helping the mommy to stay safe by caring for her.

Have you ever helped a mommy who has a baby in her belly (womb)? If so, how?

Answers may vary.

A BABY IS A GIFT FROM GOD ACTIVITY



Have the students turn to their MALE AND FEMALE BIRD images on pages 45-46 of the student activity book. Ask the students to point out the differences in color and size between the male and female birds. Explain that God has a perfect order, design, and meaning in ALL of creation from ants to birds to people and everything in between.

Have the students turn to their EGGS AND BABY CUTOUT sheet on page 47 of the student activity book and instruct them to color the eggs & the baby.

Next they can turn to the BIRDS CARE FOR THEIR EGGS pages 49-50 in their student activity book to color the male cardinal red and the female cardinal brown.

Next, they may color their A BABY IS A GIFT FROM GOD on pages 51-52.

Lastly the students may cutout the eggs & the baby from the EGGS AND BABY CUTOUT sheet on page 47 to paste them in their appropriate family places!

NOTE: We have provided two versions of each worksheet, one with letters to trace on pages 49 & 51 and one with blank lines on pages 50 & 51. Please choose the version that will work best for your particular students. If you would like to expand the lesson, you could have the students glue yarn, raffia, or other scraps to the nest on the worksheet.

WRAP UP



All new life comes from a mother and a father. God's perfect order, design and meaning can be seen in all creation, most especially in families. Babies are a special gift from God to moms and dads. Babies begin life and are born either a boy or a girl and stay a boy or girl their entire life. Moms and dads show love to their babies by caring for them in many ways.