

Youth Ministry- October 15, 2023

Agenda

- 11:30am Lunch- Burritos, Chips & Salsa
- 12:00 pm Welcome, opening prayer (5 minutes)
- Attendance
- Small Group Activity- God, Sin, You (15 minutes)
- Lesson: The Father and the Work of Creation (10 minutes)
(topics listed below)
- Small Group Discussion (15 minutes)
- Announcements:
- No class next week- All Parish Meeting (send home note)
 - NET Retreat reminder (Oct 25)
 - KC Breakfast (Oct 29)
- Lesson connection & Closing Comments (5 minutes)
- 12:55 pm Closing Prayer & Blessing

Small Group Activity- God, Sin, You

Materials

- 3 vases or clear cups
- Water
- Bleach
- Iodine

Instructions- Set Up

- ****IF ANYONE HAS A SHELLFISH ALLERGY, DO NOT TOUCH THE EXPERIMENT****
- Label one cup SIN, fill it 1/3 way with Iodine
- Label one cup YOU, fill it 1/3 way with water
- Label one cup GOD, fill it 1/3 way with bleach

Instructions- Lesson

- Hold up the YOU cup, read
 - The water looks pure. When were you pure? (at Baptism)
 - After sin entered the world in the Garden of Eden, humans began acting in disobedience to God. Each act of disobedience add a stain on our soul.
- Add some SIN (iodine) into the YOU cup.
 - With each example add a little more SIN to YOU
 - Sometimes we tell lies
 - Sometimes we get angry
 - Sometimes we say words that are mean or hurt each other
 - Sometimes we disobey our parents
 - Sometimes we don't want to spend time with God, we'd rather be doing something else.
- What can I do to make myself pure? What if I decide I'm going to try to live better and obey my parents and love my siblings, etc.? But even if no more sin is added, I still have all the sins that were added previously? How can I get clean? What can wash away my sins? Only can the son of God save us from our sins.
 - *Matthew 1:20-21 But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name of Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins."*
 - Pour some GOD into YOU
 - Watch the water become clear
- Can God sin?
 - Pour a little SIN into GOD

- The iodine disappears immediately.
- Although God cannot sin, he takes the Sin of us all to save our souls.
 - *If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.* 1 John 1:8

Discussion

- No discussion questions, this leads into the lesson

Lesson Topics

“I Believe in God the Father the Almighty, Creator of Heaven and Earth”

One God ([CCC 199-231](#))

- God is can have no equal or God is not God
- God is our origin and ultimate end there is no other
- God remains a mystery even while God reveals Himself
- God’s very self is Love, that is why we exist

The Father ([232-267](#))

- Trinity is only revealed by God. (not discovered)
- Union of Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- Called to share in the Blessed Trinity
- There is no division or mixing persons into the same person or lesser or greater, active or inactive, etc.

The Almighty ([268-278](#))

- God is Almighty or God cannot redeem us
- God is shown to be so by redeeming and forgiving, in restoring us God is Almighty

The Creator ([279-324](#))

- God reveals His loving intention in creating
- The work of creation is particular to the Father it is not exclusive of the Son and Holy Spirit
- God alone can create; God does not need any help to create (out of nothing God creates)
- God creates that creation might have Truth, Beauty and Goodness and so glorify God
- God seeks free cooperation and allowing evil is a mystery but God only allows it that a greater good is to come from it. (This is an act of Faith)

Heaven and Earth ([325-354](#))

- Angels are spiritual creatures
- There is an order to things and therefore the beginnings of Law
- All material creatures are to work toward the good of Man; creation is destined for the glory of God through Man

Man ([355-384](#))

- Created in image and likeness
- Meant to reproduce the image of God’s Son made Man
- Made of Body and Soul; the soul does not cease on death and the soul and body are reunited in the resurrection.
- Not meant to be alone, social in nature, male and female; communion of persons
- Original Solitude, Original holiness and justice

The Fall ([385-421](#))

- Death not created by God
- Fallen Angels
- Loss of Original holiness and justice is Original Sin
- Original Sin causes a blindness to the reality of God
- Christ comes into the world to set us free from this condition

Small Group Questions

What are the ways that you recognize sin in the world?

What are some ways you fight against sin?

What does it mean to be a son or daughter of God to you?

What do you find confusing?

Lesson Discussion

- When have you heard ‘I believe in God the Father Almighty’? At Mass
- When you are talking about God there can be no other God’s besides him. Having 2 God who are all mighty because they can’t both be all good, all knowing.
- **Creator of Heaven and Earth**
 - God decided to create the world.
 - He created us for a purpose
 - There is a reason that each of us exist in this place and this time
 - We were created here to live in glory of God
 - He created us to be in His image and likeness
 - We are created in the image of Jesus
 - When God decided to create us, he already had an idea what that looks like because He already knew what His Son would be.
 - God creates all the creatures in the world from nothing.
- It’s impossible to think about nothing. You cannot think of nothing.
 - We can’t really understand what it means to create something out of nothing.
 - God can do this because God is love.
- Love always wants to expand and increase so he can increase the amount of love he can share.
- God creates so he can share, How does he do this without making everyone a robot?
 - He gives us free will
 - He created Adam and Eve
 - We have the ability to go with God’s plan or not.
 - If we don’t follow God’s plan, this is where the Fall comes in
 - When God created Adam & Eve, what are some of discriputers used
 - Man was created out of dust and breathed into his nostrils
 - He breathed in a soul
 - Your soul is revealed by your body.
 - We cannot see your soul without your body. Your soul without your body is incomplete.
 - The soul helps keep the body alive. Without the soul the body dies.
 - When Adam and Eve took the fruit, they forgot who they were. They forgot that they can’t live without God which is their soul. They cannot survive without God.
 - What happens in the garden, that God does for Adam and Eve, when he kicks them out?
 - He makes it so they can’t come back in.
 - There are consequences to what the serpent did and what Adam and Eve did
 - They noticed that they were naked. This is proof that you are not hidden from anyone in the world.

- The first moment of nakedness is a moment of innocence. They don't see each other as adversaries or enemies. They are at peace with them.
 - When they eat the fruit, they become aware that they can harm each other. They didn't realize that until they ate the fruit.
 - So, they covered themselves with leaves (fig leaves).
 - Sin is uncomfortable. It causes us pain.
 - Sin ties to turn us inward instead of outward.
- Who has ever heard/read about the holocaust
 - How is this possible if everyone was a human person?
 - How could they hurt each other if we were all human and equal?
 - When we sin, we become adversaries. We no longer see the reflection of Jesus.

Youth Ministry Questions:

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