

TOB MONTHLY KIDS

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

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(+PARENT)

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INSIDE:

**OUR HUMAN NATURE IS
DYNAMIC + BEAUTIFUL**

**WHAT THE BIBLE REALLY
SAYS ABOUT JUDGING**

**LEARNING HOW TO JUDGE
APPROPRIATELY IS IMPORTANT**

**THE SAINTS CAN HELP US
STRIVE TOWARD VIRTUE**

**OUR HUMAN NATURE IS GOOD BUT FALLEN,
CAN BE REDEEMED + IS MADE FOR HEAVEN**

YOUR SOUL IS PRECIOUS TO GOD

I AM A GIFT! MY NAME IS:

.....➔

MAIN POINT: OUR HUMAN NATURE IS INHERENTLY GOOD,
AND THOUGH FALLEN, CAN BE REDEEMED AND IS MADE FOR HEAVEN.
(CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY STANDARDS 9+12)

FIRST THOUGHTS...

God makes all humans good. But it is also a part of human nature to make choices that may harm our relationship with God, ourselves, and others. This is part of our fallen nature. God gives us the opportunity to repent* and heal the wounds of those poor choices. This is called redemption*. At the end of our days on Earth, we can look forward to enjoying the glory of everlasting life with God and our loved ones. This is the fulfillment of our nature in Heaven. Learning about appropriate* ways to judge will help us make the best choices - the kind of choices we want to make in pursuit of being redeemed by God, and getting to Heaven. Judgement can mean to evaluate* or condemn* and when we judge situations we learn how to best make decisions about them. The saints used good judgement to guide their choices and are great role models for us in the challenges of life that we will face.

*work with a parent to define these words (there is a glossary in the back!)

INTERVIEW YOUR PARENT



What are you like when your relationship with God is harmed?
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What are you like after being reconciled to God?
.....

What do you think you will be like in Heaven?
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.....

What is your favorite thing about my human nature?
.....
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WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

Many people say that the Bible says NEVER to judge. In fact, if we look at Scripture about this topic in context*, we see that Jesus teaches us that if we must judge, we need to look inward first.

It is important that we learn about appropriate judgement. Appropriate judgement can keep us and others safe and healthy. GOD CALLS US TO JUDGE ACTIONS, not people.



Read this Scripture passage with a parent and discuss

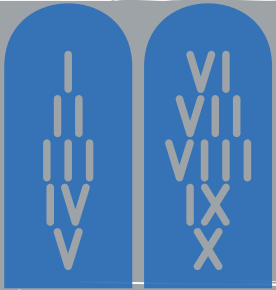
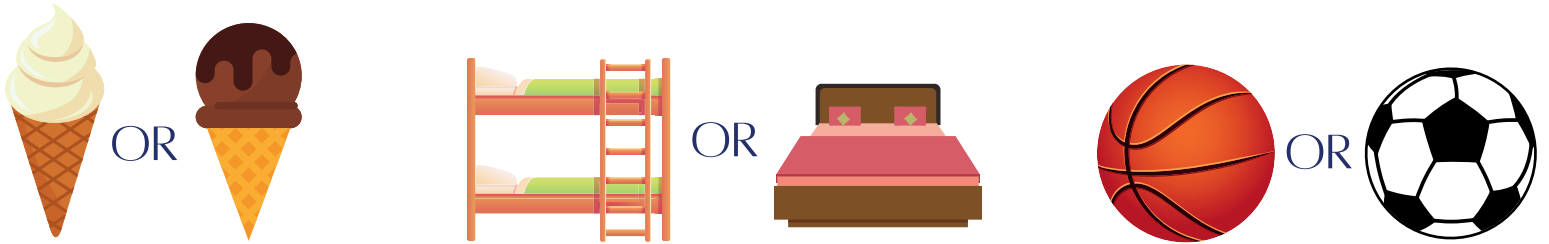
"Do not judge, so that you may not be judged. For with the judgment you make you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' while the log is in your own eye? You hypocrite, **first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.**" (Matthew 7:1-5)

Did you know it can be harder to make decisions as the day goes on?
To help keep your decisions strong and healthy, make important decisions early in the day, rest, and simplify your day! – Medical News Today

USING GOOD JUDGEMENT

Judgement can mean different things, and in some cases, it is important to learn how to judge. It helps us learn right from wrong, and it helps us learn how to form our own opinions.

Judgement can mean to **EVALUATE** (form an idea or an opinion about something) like choosing between two equally good but different things. Below are examples.



Judgement can mean to **DISTINGUISH** between right and wrong. Circle the examples below that are ok to pass judgement on.

to exclude a classmate because of skin color

to drive 120 mph in a 60 mph zone

to kill another person

to like playing veterinarian or soldier

to prefer cherries to kiwi

to use a Bible as a doorstop

to tease someone in a wheelchair

to dislike hamburgers



With a parent, discuss the difference between evaluating and distinguishing.

The following analogies help show the different conditions of our human nature. Can you think of an example for each part that you experience in your human nature?

SMOOTH SAILING = our nature in its intended good state
(when we are making choices as our best selves)

Example:



OVERBOARD = our nature in its fallen state
(we made some poor choices and our soul is burdened)

Example:



TOSS ME A BUOY = our nature can be redeemed
(with reconciliation we can repent and be forgiven)

Example:



LAND HO = our nature in Heaven
(the more we live virtuous lives, the closer we get to Heaven)

Example:



**SAINT THERESE OF LISIEUX SAID,
"THE WORLD IS MY SHIP, AND NOT MY HOME."**

What do you think she meant by this?
Discuss with a parent, then color the picture below.



Do you know how the brain makes decisions? Sometimes we choose the wrong thing, but we can be forgiven and choose better next time. Our brain actually RELIES on us completing that process. We make decisions by reviewing our choices and asking, "what have I done before and how did that work out?" It becomes easier to make the right choice when we exercise living virtuously, which then becomes the automatic choice for our brain. - Psychology Today

Even though we are made in God's image and likeness, we participate in human sin. We knowingly or, sometimes unknowingly, divide the unity between our bodies and our souls. When we make poor decisions, we forget about God. ~ St. JP2, TOB 4:3

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

APPROPRIATE: fitting for a particular circumstance

DISTINGUISH: point out a difference

DYNAMIC: marked by regular progress

CONDEMN: to show disapproval of

CONTEXT: the details of a setting or story that help explain or clarify information

EVALUATE: form an idea or opinion, compare two things

REDEMPTION: regaining something that was lost

REPENT: to feel and show deep regret

**WANT
TO LEARN
MORE?**

VISIT:



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READ:



The Children's
Book of Virtues
by William J.
Bennett

*Have a little
extra time?*

CRAFT EXTENSION

Saint Candle

TIME: 30 minutes

MATERIALS: saint image, tracing paper, mason jar, battery-operated votive candle

ACTIVITY:

- 1) Choose an inspiring saint
- 2) Trace the saint on tracing paper
- 3) Color and cut out the traced image
- 4) Tape to a mason jar
- 5) 'Light' a battery-operated votive candle and place in the mason jar
- 6) Pray to your saint to help you conquer your fallen nature

SERVICE EXTENSION

Reconcile with God

TIME: 30 minutes

MATERIALS: a contrite heart

ACTIVITY:

- 1) Make an examination of conscience
- 2) Make a confession to a priest, or if not old enough, talk to a parent about what's on your heart
- 3) Choose an act of service that relates to your confession (ex: If I confess being lazy, my act of service can be doing chores)



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