

Topic: I Believe in God / Man and Woman in the Beginning

Family Small Group for Confirmation Week 7/8 (November 7th, 2021)

Parent Resources

This week we are asking you to read specific sections of the Catechism and the additional reading to complete the lesson.

Catechism Readings: Chapter 5-6, pg. 49-76

Specifically read the following sections of the Catechism for Adults:

- Issues of Faith and Science, pg. 57-61
- Understanding the Impact of Original Sin and Understanding Sin, pg. 69-72

Additional Readings:

- Witness Testimony of Alex Jones, CEO of Hallow App: *My Journey from Atheist to Maybe a Christian Pt. 1 and Pt. 2*

1. Opening Prayer (read together)

Act of Faith

O my God, I firmly believe that you are one God
In three divine Persons, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
I believe that your divine Son became man and died for
our sins,
And that he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe these and all the truths which the HOLY Catholic
Church teaches,
Because you have revealed them,
Who can neither deceive nor be deceived.

2. Personal Connection

Parents- Reflect on, then discuss the following:

Mankind is created in the image and likeness of God. How does that knowledge affect how you view and treat your body?

After sharing, ask your student:

How can you dress, act, or behave in a way that pays respect to the fact that you are made in the image and likeness of God?

3. Activity

Roll to Play! (you need a 6-sided die for this activity)

Each family member will take a turn rolling the dice. The number it lands on will tell you which question you have to answer. The game is over once all numbers have been rolled at least once. Not sure of an answer? Look up the answer as a family! No dice? Just take turns answering each question until you need to start looking up the answers in your *Confirmed in the Spirit* book pg. 97-114. Ready? Let's roll!

- 1- Name a sacrament
- 2- Name one of the Ten Commandments
- 3- Name a Fruit of the Holy Spirit
- 4- Name a Mystery of the Rosary
- 5- Name a Beatitude
- 6- Name a Gift of the Holy Spirit

4. Discussion Questions (writing down answers prior to discussion may encourage deeper conversations)

Read Issues of Faith and Science (pg. 57-61)

1. In your own words, what is the connection between faith and science?

Read Understanding the Impact of Original Sin (pg. 69-70)

2. How does "the gift of freedom, given to the first man and woman... draw them closer to God, to each other, and to their destiny"? (Catechism for Adults pg. 69).

Read Understanding Sin (pg. 71-72)

3. The Catechism for Adults tells us that “sin is not a weakness we can overcome by our own efforts” (pg. 72), so what can we do *or* who can we turn to for help?

Read Witness Testimony of Alex Jones, CEO of Hallow App

4. What brought Alex Jones back to the faith?

5. Closing (choose one or both)

Discuss takeaways and questions about Fr. Tilley’s recent Sanctuary Lesson.

As a family, discuss your current prayer intentions and take a moment to pray together.