



Catch the Spirit



This week, your child learned that:

- › God created all things. Because only humans were created in God's image and likeness, God loves us in a special way.
- › God gave human beings the special responsibility of being the stewards of creation.
- › God gave Adam and Eve one command: not to eat from the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. They disobeyed that command.
- › The first sin is called the Original Sin.
- › Original Sin is inherited by all human beings. It is washed away by the Sacrament of Baptism.



Family Talk Time

What sort of things do stewards do?
How can you be a steward?



Meditation for This Week:

God made all the animals, The ones that fly, the ones that swim. God made me in His image, Oh, how I love Him!



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This week, your child learned that:

- ▶ Sin is a deliberate offense against God. It is something we say, think, do, or fail to do that is against the eternal law of God.
- ▶ There are two kinds of sin: mortal and venial.
- ▶ We sin when we fail to love God, our neighbor, or ourselves the way God wants us to love.
- ▶ God's love is faithful.
- ▶ Even though Adam and Eve sinned, God promised to save them and us from sin, suffering, and death.
- ▶ God enacted a plan of salvation that culminated in the Death and Resurrection of His Son, Jesus Christ.
- ▶ We receive the gift of salvation today in and through the Catholic Church.



Family Talk Time

Can you think of an example of failing to love God? Our Neighbor? Ourselves? Is there a very good and loving person you know whom you can try to be like?



Meditation for This Week:

You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength,
and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.

—LUKE 10:27



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This week, your child learned that:

- ▶ Baptism is necessary for salvation from sin.
- ▶ Baptism forgives all sin, gives us new life in Christ, makes us children of God, and members of the Church
- ▶ Baptism imprints an indelible mark on our souls, and makes us Temples of the Holy Spirit.
- ▶ Grace is the free gift of God's life in us.
- ▶ Sin removes grace from our souls and makes us turn away from God.
- ▶ The Sacrament of Baptism washes away Original Sin and fills us with sanctifying grace.
- ▶ The Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation removes the sins that we have committed and fills us with sanctifying grace.



Family Talk Time

We are temples of the Holy Spirit. Our very bodies are dwelling places for God. What does this tell us about how we should care for our bodies?



Meditation for This Week:

All: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

Parent: O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations, Through Christ Our Lord, Amen.