

October Lesson for 3–4th Grades

Parent's Notes

Doctrinal Content

- Human dignity comes from being made in God's image and likeness with the ability to love, think, and make choices. (CCC, 355-357)
- The soul is the spiritual part of a human that lives forever. (CCC, 366)
- Sin is a deliberate thought, word, deed or omission contrary to the law of God. (CCC, 1849)
- Sin is a failure to love that affects individuals and the whole Church community. (CCC, 1440)
- Every person is worthy of respect because he or she is created in God's image and made to love. (CCC, 1700)

Scripture Reference

“Live in a manner worthy of the Lord, so as to be fully pleasing, in every good work bearing fruit and growing in the knowledge of God.”—Colossians 1:10

Reflect How can sin hurt your relationship with God and others?

Humans have a spiritual dimension that is no less real than the physical one. This spiritual dimension of humans is called the *soul*. Humans, however, are not divided creatures, one part body and another part soul. We are simultaneously physical and spiritual.

Humans are made in God's image. All humans are bound as brothers and sisters, regardless of individual differences. Being created in God's image is humanity's most profound common trait. Body and soul share in the dignity of the image of God. The soul is the gift of life breathed into humans by the Creator. The soul is immortal and will transcend even the death of the physical body.

Human dignity comes first from the fact that all people are creations of God. Therefore, humans are products of love, wisdom, and goodness beyond understanding. Respect for life at all stages is the only appropriate response to such divine generosity. Human life is sacred because all humans are offspring of God. There can be no greater dignity than this.

Reflect In what ways does your life show honor to God and respect for others?

Parent's Prayer

God and Father of all, help us always to remember that we are created in your image. Guide us to see your Son, Jesus, in every person we meet. Amen.