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### Objectives:

At the end of this chapter middle schoolers should be able to:

- Reflect on the experience of sin.
- Reflect on the experience of sin as a cheap substitute for authentic good.
- Explore how God's original plan for us was a pure and perfect relationship.
- Understand original sin as a lost inheritance.
- Anticipate the hope that Jesus brings us to heal the brokenness and divisions we experience.

### Notes and Nuggets:

This program aims to introduce the Theology of the Body in an accessible way to middle school students' growth now, as well as for deeper exploration in high school and beyond. Chapter 2 challenges middle schoolers to consider how their experiences of brokenness and sin contrast with humanity's origins when, as Jesus says, "it was not so." Connecting your young people with their personal experiences of desire, sin, hope, and even confusion shows how these experiences echo our first parents' original state as well as their sin. This program adapts the content of John Paul II's audiences to provide middle schoolers with a deeper vision of what it means to be a human person created in God's image and likeness, wounded by sin, and restored by grace.



#### Tune In:

**Amazing Grace/My Chains are Gone** – Chris Tomlin, *See the Morning*

**Ooh-Ahh** – Grits, *The Art of Translation*

**Gone** – Switchfoot, *Beautiful Letdown*

**I'm Not Alright** – Sanctus Real, *The Face of Love*

*Note: These songs are available online. Consider encouraging your students to find and download them.*

Chapter  
**Two**

# Our Story

God's Plan, Human Sin, Jesus' Love



**Opening Prayer:**

Lead an opening prayer service. You can close this prayer with something along the lines of "Lord, help us, through this chapter, to understand better the story of our beginning, created in your love. Help us to see clearly our need for you and to recognize your plan to save us. Amen."

**Icebreakers****Taste Test**

Bring in samples of both brand-name and generic versions of a few foods. For the sake of the activity, your generic versions should be particularly poor knockoffs, e.g., imitation Oreos or faux Coca-Cola. Blindfold your students and instruct them to taste-test both the brand-name and the generic samples. Despite approximations in appearances and flavor, most will immediately taste the inferior quality of the imitations. This activity serves as an engaging introduction to the characteristic of sin as a cheap imitation of the true good.

**Notes and Nuggets:**

After conducting the icebreaker, explain how sin is only a pale imitation of the real good we seek. God wants to give us the real thing, while the devil only wants to lure us in with a counterfeit. Sin is tempting because it is desirable, but it never really "hits the spot." Only the real thing (God's love) can do that.

**VIDEO**

Play "Introduction" and "Big Questions" before Story Starter.



## Opening Prayer

**Leader:** In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (*all make the Sign of the Cross*).

**All respond:** *In the divine image, Lord, You created him; male and female You created them.*

**Reader 1:** God, You made us good, both body and soul.

**Response:** *In the divine image, Lord, You created him; male and female You created them.*

**Reader 2:** God, You saw that it was not good for us to be alone, so You gave us one another for loving relationships.

**Response:** *In the divine image, Lord, You created him; male and female You created them.*

**Reader 3:** God, You are love, and You made us for love.

**Response:** *In the divine image, Lord, You created him; male and female You created them.*

**Reader 4:** God, You made us without anything to hide from You.

**Response:** *In the divine image, Lord, You created him; male and female You created them.*

**Reader 5:** God, You made us to be happy with You forever.

**Response:** *In the divine image, Lord, You created him; male and female You created them.*

**Leader:** Jesus, You taught us to address Your Father as You did, and so in the Holy Spirit we pray...

**All:** *Our Father...*

### notes



## STORY STARTER

### He-Man in the Garden of Eden

When I was five, my mom took me shopping to buy a present for my friend Matthew's birthday. His big party was the next day, and I had been thinking about it all week. Like all five-year-olds, I loved birthday parties: games, friends, excitement, and—let's just be honest—that cake-and-ice-cream sugar high! I knew Matthew's party would be one to remember.

We went to Ray Willis Toy Store to buy the gift. Ray Willis wasn't a chain store with a tiny toy department hidden behind endless aisles of groceries and other boring adult stuff. Ray Willis was 100 percent toys and games, every kid's fantasy. Wall to wall, from aisle to aisle, it was packed with

games, action figures, trucks, bikes, even candy. Ray Willis Toy Store was so awesome that my heart beat faster just thinking about the paradise inside.

As I walked down an aisle, something caught my eye. Among the hundreds of other toys, this one grabbed my attention: a sword. But not just any sword. This sword talked, had working lights, was bright and shiny, and looked exactly like the sword He-Man used to defeat evil villains on TV. He-Man was my favorite action superhero when I was a kid, and this sword mesmerized me. I was awestruck.

"Mom!" I yelled in an awkwardly loud voice. "He-Man sword! He-Man sword! I need it! It's what I've always wanted!"

As mothers sometimes must, she burst my bubble. "Honey, remember why we're here. Tomorrow is Matthew's birthday and we're here to shop for him. You can get a toy for yourself some other day."

Like a typical five-year-old, I persisted: "But Mom! It's THE HE-MAN SWORD. I NEED IT!" And then I threw an outrageous tantrum right there in the middle of the store.

As I flailed and screamed on the floor, my mom kept her cool and made the following deal with me: "Okay. You can have the sword. But I am going to give you a choice. If you get the sword, you can't go to the party because you won't have a gift. And you have to call Matthew and tell him why you can't come."

In my child's mind, I thought, *she's bluffing*. Without hesitation I snatched the sword from the shelf, clutched it tightly to my chest, and hustled to the cash register to seal the deal. Mine, all mine! My He-Man sword! My precious He-Man sword!

My mom kept her word. She looked disappointed but paid the cashier. Without saying anything, she walked with me back to the car. I gripped the sword and fantasized about all the cool stuff I could do now that I possessed it! But then, as my mom buckled me in, something deep inside my young self lit up. I suddenly worried that maybe she had not been bluffing. "Uh, Mom?" I gulped.

"Yes?"

"Do I really have to skip the party?"

She answered firmly, "Yep. That's what you chose."

The words hit me hard. I was afraid to ask the next question: "Do I really have to call Matthew?"

"Yes. That was the deal."

**notes**

And then the crying started: hot tears, followed by runny snot, followed by loud sobbing. "I don't want it anymore! I want to go to Matthew's party! I want to take the sword back!"

But my choice had been made. My mom stuck to her guns. She had given me a choice: to be a giver or a taker. She warned me what would happen if I made the wrong choice—I would be alone and possibly hurt my friend's feelings.

The afternoon I called Matthew to tell him I had chosen a plastic sword over him is one I will never forget. A week later, I was alone in the backyard playing with the sword when it broke. In the end, I had nothing to show for my selfish choice.

— Colin MacIver

### IF YOU ASK ME ...

1. The toughest lesson I learned from my parents was when \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The best birthday or holiday party I ever went to was \_\_\_\_\_.
3. One time I chose \_\_\_\_\_ when I should have chosen \_\_\_\_\_.

## BRIDGING THE GAP

All of the questions we asked about identity and happiness in Chapter 1 can be traced back to one moment in human history: the first sin. Why? Think about what makes sense. God is perfect and everything He does is perfect. If God never makes mistakes, then it is impossible that He would have created the first human persons in a way that made them incapable of living His plan of happiness for them. Before the first sin, the first humans needed to discover who they were, but it was not a struggle. They didn't experience the confusion we experience now. They didn't struggle with questions the same way we do, because their minds were truly free from the confusing tug of sin. They knew who they were and what their purpose was. They were free.

But if the first human persons were created without sin, how did the disaster of sin happen?

Well, some things never change. Within every temptation to sin is a dangerous scam. The benefit we think we see in sin is a trick designed to lead us into destruction. Just as the He-Man sword seemed so desirable that it justified selfishness, so does sin.

**Notes and Nuggets:**

Without creating a “group confession,” engage your students for a few moments in a brief discussion about the results of selfishness in their lives or in the lives of others. Rather than merely focusing on the choices made, invite them to share a few words about the negative consequences and feelings they and others experienced as a result of their selfishness. Help them see the common thread that is sure to surface: regret, frustration, guilt, sadness, anger, confusion, stress, loneliness, fear, etc. You can then point out how none of these things come from being generous and loving. Instead, generous choices of love—even when they call for sacrifice—always bring things like confidence, freedom, joy, peace, and hope.

**Notes and Nuggets:**

Whenever John Paul II uses the term “in the beginning,” he is referring not merely to the book of Genesis, but specifically to the time before sin. This era—of which we all have a heritage in our hearts—is what he calls the “original” experiences of man and woman. The three main original experiences he focuses upon are original solitude, original unity, and original nakedness. (For more on these, see TOB 1 through TOB 19.)



If you've ever dealt with email spam, you have a good idea of how sin tricks us. We are attracted by the promises of pleasure and fun and freedom. But when we pursue it, spam infects us and slows down the functions the computer was made for. Clicking on a link in just one spam email triggers a flood of even more spam that is almost impossible to remove. Without correction, spam eventually destroys the hard drive altogether.

When we sin, we are attracted by the false promises of pleasure and freedom. We choose a false good instead of trusting that following God's laws will lead us to what is really good. We have chosen the sword instead of the party, but now we're alone in the backyard with a broken toy instead of enjoying cake with friends. We are never satisfied when we focus only on ourselves. Have you ever met someone who was both selfish and really happy?

If we really examine our human experience, we see that not only are the toys broken, but so are we. We need serious repairs. Think about the ways we show our brokenness. Even if we know sin will hurt us, we keep choosing sin because it seems good in the moment. Even when we know sin will hurt others, we convince ourselves that it's okay.

Have you ever had a moment when you realized how bad and selfish some of your choices have been? Sometimes, we have moments of really wanting to take back our sins and do good. We experience regret but still find ourselves sinning over and over again. We find it so hard to stop on our own.

So what can we do about it?

We can look to God, who is the exact opposite of self-centered sin: God is love. Instead of thinking only of Himself, He never stops thinking about you. Every law God ever gave was to help you get to His party and enjoy that wonderful, sugar-soaked cake. Then sin distracts us, and we begin to think that we know better than God who made us. But when we follow our own way instead of God's, the only place we end up is alone.

## IF YOU ASK ME ...

God is \_\_\_\_\_. (Write the first word that comes to your mind.)

## TO THE CORE

How did things get like this? Surely God did not make us for this mess!

We need to go back to Eden—to the **beginning**—to a story many of us heard as children. God did not need anything or anyone else. God is love, first and foremost because the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—three truly



## In Your Faith

*"God created man in His image; in the divine image He created him; male and female He created them."*

— Genesis 1:27

*The Catechism helps us understand what this verse means. You and every person you know are made in God's image and so reflect some aspect of God to the world.*

*Yet human persons reflect God most clearly in our relationships with one another, especially when we form loving relationships with our friends and families (see CCC 1702).*

*"When God, in the beginning, created man, he made him subject to his own free choice ... Before man are life and death, whichever he chooses shall be given him." — Sirach 15:14, 17*

## Notes and Nuggets:

In this chapter, we will begin to break open the story in which we all have a place. A big part of John Paul II's "adequate anthropology" is realizing that every human person—as a member of humanity—has an amazing story, even if we don't realize it at first. This is why Blessed John Paul II went to great lengths to show that we all have a "distant echo" (TOB 19:2) of what he calls "original innocence"—peace of life before the Fall, which was void of sin and its effects. This purity of our origin is part of the story that we so often miss, the part where man knew, through experience, the greatness of God's gift as an embodied person created in God's image.

Throughout this program, remind your middle schoolers that their own personal story is a reflection of their identity within the pool of salvation history. The common wisdom is true: to understand yourself, you must know where you have come from, where you are now, and where you are going. The story of where we have come from is what John Paul II called "Original Man," that is, humanity in its state of original innocence prior to the Fall as seen in Genesis.

The story of where we are now is what John Paul II called "Historical Man," which is the era from the fall of Adam until the end of the world. Right in the center of this history is the Incarnation—the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. While it is easy to lose hope when looking at the world around us today, we must remember that Christ is the center of our story and, therefore, the center of our story is full of hope! And toward what does our hope point? Heaven.

The story of where we are going is about our destiny—life forever with God in heaven—which John Paul II called "Eschatological Man." These three parts—our origin, history, and destiny—comprise the great story in which we all play a part. Forgetting any part of the story is to miss a key to who we really are: beloved sons and daughters of God, created in grace and saved in hope as we look to our life with God in eternity. Remind your middle schoolers that the story of their lives is truly epic—bigger than any blockbuster movie!

TO THE CORE

distinct Divine Persons—have loved each other eternally. God is complete in Himself. Yet God's love is so great that He wanted to share it. He created man and woman **in His image and likeness**. This meant that when Adam and Eve loved one another, they would be like a model of the Trinity's love. God gave Adam and Eve all good things, including a perfect paradise where they could live without suffering, or any problems in their relationship. They could not have asked for—or even imagined—anything better than what God gave them freely.

Imagine the blessing this life was in the beginning! No insecurity. No drama. No family problems, no homework, and no wondering whether or not you fit in. All they needed to do was continue trusting God to provide.

Because God's only desire was for them to love Him and each other, He gave Adam and Eve **free will**, which is the ability to choose. God gave Adam and Eve free will because love is not possible otherwise. True love is not possible without choice because you cannot force someone to love you, and nobody can force you to love him or her. Love is not love at all unless it is freely given.

You have probably experienced this reality in your own life with things less significant than relationships. Maybe you have been encouraged (or even forced) to try a hobby or eat a food that you just didn't like. No matter how much someone encouraged or pushed you, your heart just wasn't in it. If it is impossible to force people to love hobbies or food, how could it be possible to force the most important love of all—human love for another and for God?

Free will makes love possible, but the ability to choose what is right goes together with the ability to choose what is wrong. God knew that Satan, the enemy of love, would try to take advantage of Adam and Eve's free will and trick them into choosing wrong. But God loved Adam and Eve so much that He prepared them to face that temptation. He was like a parent telling a child, "If you touch that hot stove, you'll burn your hand!" God told His children what would happen if they used their free will to choose wrong—they would die! (Genesis 2:17)

Sure enough, Satan soon told Adam and Eve a very tempting lie. He said God was like a dictator trying to repress them so they wouldn't become as powerful as He. Despite the overwhelming evidence that God loved them, Adam and Eve chose wrong. They disobeyed God. And just as God had warned, death followed sin.

Death came to four different relationships that had been perfect before sin.

First, Adam and Eve's relationship with the physical part of their world was damaged. All kinds of bodily suffering began: injury, defects, disease.



### **In Your Faith**

*"For us there is one God, the Father, from whom all things are and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things are and through whom we exist." —1 Corinthians 8:6*

Instead of always having everything they needed for their bodies, they would now have to struggle constantly to maintain food and shelter. Even now, we experience this consequence in our own lives. We get sick, we get hurt, and, someday, all of us will die.

Second, another type of death is a spiritual death. Death, by definition, is the ultimate separation of the body from the soul. This is what Adam and Eve experienced individually. Before the Fall, Adam's bodily actions always followed his pure soul. The same went for Eve; her actions followed her pure heart. This is holiness. But when they went against the law God had placed in their heart and sinned with their bodies, they experienced a split within themselves, a sort of death.

Third, Adam and Eve's perfect relationship with each other died. Instead of perfectly loving and accepting each other, they began to experience tension and misunderstanding. They covered their bodies because sin made them feel insecure. Don't we still deal with the same issues? We fight with family members; we feel insecure about our looks; we worry whether or not we are loved.

Fourth, and worst of all, their perfect relationship with God died. Instead of being in total union with Him, they were cut off from God, like a kite being cut off its string. God did not stop loving Adam and Eve, but they chose to reject His love, thinking they would find something better. Of course, because God had made them, He knew what was really best for them. Adam and Eve soon saw that nothing better than God's love exists, because all good things come from His love.

After being cut off from the source of love itself, Adam and Eve's ability to love suffered major injury. Imagine a car having its engine yanked out from under its hood. You wouldn't get very far in that car, would you? In a similar way, we won't get very far in our relationships without the "engine" of God's love.

### Original Sin

Adam and Eve's sin was passed on to the whole human race. We call this **original sin**. Original sin is something like a lost inheritance. Adam and Eve had been given a perfect world, but their sin wasted this treasure like a stack of money being set on fire. Money that has been burned is not misplaced or saved for later; it is simply gone. In the same way, original sin spent humanity's inheritance of holiness.

God designed human nature to desire holiness and choose good easily. With our spiritual inheritance gone, we now find it really difficult to overcome sin. It's like not having enough money. When you have easy access to lots of money, you can purchase what you need without a second thought. Without



### In Your Faith

*When it comes to defining a human person, our faith teaches us that we are each created in the image and likeness of God. So to be human is a call to be like God, but how? The Catechism says that when we are together in love, we are like the Trinity (see CCC 1702). God is not a lonely old guy with a beard. God is three Persons in a perfect relationship. We are made for relationship, too, and when we are together, we reflect God!*

## APPLICATION

### SCAM VS. TRUTH

Divide the class into two teams.

Using a chalkboard or dry-erase board, create a simple game board with ten spaces from the start to the finish. The first team to reach the end wins the game.

You will be making several statements, some true and others false. After each statement is made, have your teams discuss whether or not the statement is a scam. A representative of the team will bring a paper verdict to the front of the classroom. If the team's verdict is correct, they will move forward one space closer to the finish. If not, they will stay on the same space.

This is a glorified true/false quiz, with you playing the role of devil's advocate. Demonstrate to your group that it takes only a little lie to infect an entire statement. In fact, good scams work because they are partially true. In the same way, sin tempts us with a partial truth infected with lies and disobedience.

Read the following statements for the game:

- God told Adam and Eve that the fruit was evil. (*False. He simply told them not to eat it. See Genesis 2:17.*)
- Adam was created out of Eve's rib. (*False. Eve was created from Adam's rib. See Genesis 2:22-23.*)
- Adam and Eve were created naked and without shame. (*True. See Genesis 2:25.*)
- The first command God gave Adam and Eve was not to eat the fruit. (*False. His first order was to be fruitful and multiply. See Genesis 1:28.*)
- God made clothes for Adam and Eve after they discovered they were naked. (*True. See Genesis 3:21.*)
- The river that flowed out of Eden split to become two rivers. (*False. It split to become four rivers. See Genesis 2:10.*)
- It was good for the man to be alone. (*False. It was not good for the man to be alone. See Genesis 2:18.*)
- God said that the serpent would crawl on his belly and eat dirt! (*True. See Genesis 3:14.*)
- God said that Adam would now have to sweat to earn his bread. (*True. See Genesis 3:19.*)
- God put an angel with a fiery sword to guard the way to the tree of knowledge. (*False. The angel guarded the tree of life. See Genesis 3:24.*)



Sin destroys relationships. Here is an easy way to remember the four relationships that original sin destroyed:

1. Adam and Eve's relationship with the physical world—**NATURE**
2. Adam's body and soul relationship; Eve's body and soul relationship—**SELF**
3. Adam and Eve's relationship with each other—**OTHERS**
4. Adam and Eve's relationship with God—**GOD**

enough money, though, it's a struggle to buy anything, because you just don't have the cash.

Original sin triggered the cycle of broken relationships and selfishness that we all recognize. After Adam and Eve, their son Cain killed his brother, Abel, simply because Cain was jealous. Just like his parents, Cain had been warned by God that choosing wrong would cause a domino effect of misery. He knew his wrong choice would hurt himself and others. He did it anyway.

Sound familiar?

### Cravings of the Heart

Have you ever had a craving for a very specific food, like vanilla ice cream, but you didn't have any ice cream in the freezer? Trying to find a substitute for what you really want, you open the fridge and stand there with the door open until your mom yells at you to stop air-conditioning the whole house. Maybe yogurt will do. It's creamy and sweet like ice cream, right? One bite, though, and it's obvious that Yoplait ain't no Ben and Jerry's. You still want ice cream, now more than ever! And the more you try to substitute for what you really crave, the more intense the craving gets.

But if you do find a pint of Ben and Jerry's tucked in the back of the freezer, what happens? Heaven! You scoop a big bowl, grab a spoon, and start slurping it down before you even get back to the couch. Your craving is satisfied; that annoying urge lightens up and you feel ... content.

More important than a craving for temporary pleasure, our hearts have even more powerful cravings for happiness, purpose, and love. You can probably guess that when God made Adam and Eve, these cravings were totally satisfied by their closeness to God and to each other. Sadly, when sin cut off humanity from God's love, our heart's deepest desires remained, but we lost sight of how to satisfy them.

So what do craving hearts do? They try to find substitutes for what they really want. They try one thing after another, but because nothing really hits the spot, the cycle just continues. The world offers all kinds of substitutes. Just consider some commercials you've seen. Almost all of them try to convince us that if we buy the product, we will be happy and successful.

But if that were true, then we would need to buy the product only once and we would be happy for the rest of our lives. Is that reality? Has a product ever made anyone say, "That's all I need until I die. Don't give me anything else. I don't want anything more because this thing is enough to keep me happy for the next sixty years."

We can just walk into any shopping mall to see the craziness of the idea that stuff can make and keep our heart's cravings satisfied. We return again

and again to buy something different, something new, because it gives us excitement for a moment. But then the excitement washes away.

So, what is lasting? What can satisfy the hungry heart? Before sin, the perfect relationships that Adam and Eve enjoyed kept them content and satisfied their hearts. We can conclude that if we could somehow experience perfect relationships with nature, with our bodies and souls, each other, and God, we would also experience happiness and satisfaction.

However, without the engine, it's pretty hard to move the car. Even if we do realize that real happiness, purpose, and love are found in relationships, we find ourselves choosing sin, being selfish, and sabotaging our own joy in the process. We use our free will to choose wrong instead of love. We choose the He-Man sword instead of cake with our friends.

We end up alone. And if happiness, purpose, and love are found in relationships, when we are alone, we are miserable.

What a crazy dilemma! It can seem like enough to make you give up and think there's no point in trying to choose good when the whole system is crashed.

## IF YOU ASK ME ...

1. When I crave \_\_\_\_\_, having \_\_\_\_\_ instead is an unfulfilling substitute.
2. It seems like many people wrongly think \_\_\_\_\_ will satisfy their craving for love.

But be not afraid! The Bible is called the "Good News" for a reason. In Scripture, God reminds us that "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow" (Isaiah 1:18). We are broken, yes, but don't forget that God never stopped loving Adam and Eve—or us—after sin. Scripture also says, "For God so loved the world that He sent His only Son" (John 3:16). God wants us to be happy, to find purpose, and to love and be loved, so He would not let sin and selfishness have the final word. Nothing is more powerful than God's love for us. This is why Jesus came and gave His own life on the Cross—to defeat sin and death.

And the good news? He won.



## In Your Faith

*"For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life." – 1 Corinthians 15:22*

*Our faith is full of hope. Even though original sin caused death and separation, Jesus brought life and unity.*

*When our first parents, Adam and Eve, sinned, we were all affected. We are not guilty of committing the original sin, but we all suffer because of the sin of our first parents. When Adam and Eve sinned, humanity lost holiness and the experience of perfect love (see CCC 416).*

## notes

**WORK IT OUT****A. Genesis Theater**

Produce a Genesis skit. Your leader/teacher will break you up into groups and give you a few props. Your assignment is to act out the scene in Genesis 3. You can reenact the biblical story or make up a modern-day version.

**B. Genesis Comics**

Make an Adam and Eve comic strip illustrating the lie that the serpent told Adam and Eve.

**C. Genesis, Dr. Seuss Style**

Retell the creation story through a children's story in a way that would make Dr. Seuss proud. Focus especially on the creation, temptation, and fall of Adam and Eve. Express the truth of Genesis clearly while using your imagination and creativity to make it "come alive" in a new way.

**D. Freedom Essay**

Adam and Eve misused their freedom, but Blessed Pope John Paul II stated: "Freedom exists for the sake of love." Write an essay exploring this question:

How would the world be different over the last hundred years if even ten influential community, national, and world leaders used their freedom for the sake of love? Which male leaders come to mind? Which female leaders come to mind? Why?

**Closing Prayer**

*Let us thank God for the Good News we have heard in this chapter as we pray:*

Instruct me, O LORD, in the way of Your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe Your law and keep it with all my heart.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

— From Psalm 119



## GOT IT?

1. He created man and woman \_\_\_\_\_  
(five words)
2. God gave Adam and Eve \_\_\_\_\_, which is the ability to choose.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ is something like a lost inheritance.

## VŌ·CAB'·U·LAR'·Ÿ

### IN HIS IMAGE AND LIKENESS:

The Trinity is three Persons united in one God who give themselves to each other in perfect love. We are meant to do the same, so when we are in loving relationships, we understand more about God.

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### IN THE BEGINNING:

The Garden of Eden is named as the place where God created Adam and Eve. Because we know God does not make errors, the way He created us in the beginning is the way humans were designed to live.

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### FREE WILL:

God created us with the ability to choose. This ability is necessary in order to be able to love. God wanted us to love Him and each other, so He gave us free will.

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### ORIGINAL SIN:

Original sin is the loss of the four relationships and a wound to our humanity. Original sin hurts our ability to know what is right, choose what is good, and to love; it causes us to suffer and even die; and it makes us prone to commit sin, even when we try not to (CCC 405).

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