

THE GREAT IDEA

Why Am I Here?

Dear Parents and Family,

This week at Edge, your son or daughter learned they were created out of the goodness and love of God and only in Him will they find purpose and meaning for their lives. The Edge Night began with a game where the youth were challenged to create a robot that could achieve a specific function. The teaching discussed how the creation of the human person was the great idea of God and how we were created to know God, love God, and serve God. After the teaching, they worked to create an app that would alleviate some large-scale problems. They discussed how things are created with intention and purpose and were reminded that they were created with intention and purpose by God. The Edge Night ended with the youth reflecting on the story of creation along with scientific facts that reveal how all of creation works for the good of God's greatest idea, human beings. Your child's challenge this week is to think of one good way to show someone they love them and then make it happen.

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Main Ideas

- God created humanity out of love to know Him, love Him, serve Him, and one day be with Him in heaven.
- God reveals His love and plan for humanity through Jesus.
- Only in God, who created us, will we find meaning for our lives and purpose for our existence.

Catechism Reference

“Of all visible creatures only man is ‘able to know and love his creator.’ He is ‘the only creature on Earth that God has willed for its own sake,’ and he alone is called to share, by knowledge and love, in God’s own life. It was for this end that he was created, and this is the fundamental reason for his dignity” (CCC 356).

Scripture Reference

“In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him” (1 John 4:9).

Family Reflection Questions

- What is one great invention you learned about tonight?
- How does the fact that you are God’s greatest idea impact you?
- What is one way you can know, love, or serve God this week?

INTERNAL COMPONENT

What Does It Mean to Be Human?

Dear Parents and Family,

This week at Edge, your son or daughter learned that human beings are set apart from all of creation because we are made in the image and likeness of God and have both a physical body and an eternal soul. The Edge Night began with a game of tag but the youth had to run like robots. The teaching explored what it means for us to be a unity of body and soul and how we are set above all of creation and given the responsibility to take care of God's creation. After the teaching, the youth were given a series of questions to ask Siri to emphasize the difference between a human being and a programmed computer, and then the youth had a chance to discuss the teaching. The Edge Night ended with a time of prayer where the youth were encouraged to reflect on the goodness of their bodies. Your child's weekly challenge is to do one thing this week to take care of himself/herself and one thing to take care of an aspect of creation.

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Main Ideas

- Being human is unique; our ability to reflect and think about ourselves and our existence sets us apart from all other creatures.
- Created in the image and likeness of God, we have both a physical body and an eternal soul that, united together, make us human.
- While the physical world was created good, it is passing. Our souls are eternal, and this reality guides how we live our lives.

Catechism Reference

"God created everything for man, but man in turn was created to serve and love God and to offer all creation back to Him" (CCC 358).

Scripture Reference

"For whoever would save his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man, if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life?" (Matthew 16:25-26)

Family Reflection Questions

- What was your favorite part of the Edge Night?
- What sets humans apart from the rest of creation?
- What is one way you can be more aware of your body and soul?

BINARY CODE

Does My Body Matter?

Dear Parents and Family,

This week at Edge, your son or daughter learned about their identity as a man or a woman and how being a man or being a woman is a gift from God that is given to them for a reason. The Edge Night began with a fun game where the youth competed to match complementary items. The teaching discussed how God created men and women in His image and likeness and how being a man or a woman is not something that is achieved or something we do but the reality of how we are created. It also explored how men and women reveal a unique aspect of who God is. After the teaching, the youth worked to decode a Bible verse and discussed the teaching. The Edge Night ended with a time for the youth to pray for one another. Your child's challenge this week is to introduce himself/herself to one new person, get to know that person by asking them questions, and to say a silent prayer for them.

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Main Ideas

- The human body is remarkably complex and follows specific formulas; for example, chromosomes determine whether we are male or female.
- God created human beings as male or female, which is revealed to us in our biological sex. As men and women, we uniquely reflect the image of God.
- As men and women, we have equal dignity and are complementary to one another.

Catechism Reference

“Man and woman have been *created*, which is to say, *willed* by God: on the one hand, in perfect equality as human persons; on the other, in their respective beings as man and woman. ‘Being man’ or ‘being woman’ is a reality which is good and willed by God: man and woman possess an inalienable dignity which comes to them immediately from God their creator. Man and woman are both with one and the same dignity ‘in the image of God.’ In their ‘being-man’ and ‘being-woman,’ they reflect the creator’s wisdom and goodness” (CCC 369).

Scripture Reference

“So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them” (Genesis 1:27).

Family Reflection Questions

- What is one new thing you learned at Edge?
- Do you see your identity as a man or a woman as a gift from God? Why?

Dear Parents and Family,

This week at Edge, your son or daughter learned that while there are common origins of every human being, we are all made unique and who we are matters. The Edge Night began with a game that allowed the youth to see what they have in common with one another. The teaching discussed the common dignity of human beings and the reality that we all have unique identities and different gifts and talents. After the teaching, the youth reflected on their unique characteristics. The Edge Night ended with a time of Adoration, during which the youth were encouraged to reflect on how they are uniquely made by God and the goodness of who they are. Your child's challenge this week is to set an alarm on their phone (or write it on their mirror, so they see it when they pass by) that says, "God, help me see myself as you see me."

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Main Ideas

- Every human person is created in the image of God, as either a male or female, with a physical body and an eternal soul; yet no two humans are exactly the same.
- God created each of us with unique personalities, gifts, and talents, and only in Him will we discover the purpose for our lives that is specific only to us.
- God did not create human beings to be alone but to live in communion with each other; working together with others, using our gifts and talents, brings glory to God.

Catechism Reference

"'This law of human solidarity and charity,' without excluding the rich variety of persons, cultures and peoples, assures us that all men are truly brethren" (CCC 361).

Scripture Reference

"For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ" (1 Corinthians 12:12).

Family Reflection Questions

- What stood out to you the most during the Edge Night?
- What are some characteristics you identified in yourself?
- Do you like the idea of being unique? Why?
- What is one thing you love about yourself?

INSTRUCTION MANUAL

Why Should I Live a Good Life?

Dear Parents and Family,

This week at Edge, your son or daughter learned about original sin and the responsibility they have to form their conscience and make good decisions. The Edge Night began with the youth working to create instructions for a Core Member to use a battery-powered item. The teaching discussed the reality of the law of God within us and how when we follow that law and make good choices, we find fulfillment. After the teaching, the youth did an activity during which they made decisions for hypothetical situations. The Edge Night ended with the youth learning about the importance of an examination of conscience and examining their own consciences. Your child's challenge this week is to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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Main Ideas

- In the beginning, human beings mistrusted the goodness of God and disobeyed Him, which led to original sin that affected all of humanity. As a consequence, we struggle to trust God and make good choices.
- Jesus saved us from our sins, and He gives us the grace to do what is good and offers us forgiveness when we fail.
- We are all created with a conscience that compels us to do good and avoid evil, but we also have to form our conscience properly, which affects who we are now and who we will become.

Catechism Reference

“To try to understand what sin is, one must first recognize the profound relation of man to God, for only in this relationship is the evil of sin unmasked in its true identity as humanity's rejection of God and opposition to Him, even as it continues to weigh heavy on human life and history” (CCC 386).

Scripture Reference

“But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

Family Reflection Questions

- What was your favorite part of the Edge Night?
- What does it mean that God gave us an instruction manual to follow?
- What is one thing you can do to form your conscience?

BEYOND WIRES AND ROBOTICS

Where Am I Going?

Dear Parents and Family,

This week at Edge, your son or daughter learned about heaven as a free gift that is given to them. They also learned about the importance of their response to this gift and were encouraged to make the decision to follow God and all He revealed. The Edge Night began with the youth making catapults out of popsicle sticks. The teaching discussed the reality of death and reminded the youth that we were all created for the eternal destination of heaven, which is won for us through Jesus. After the teaching, the youth learned how to use a Bible and found Scripture verses that speak about heaven. The Edge Night ended with the youth learning one way to pray with Scripture. Your child's challenge this week is to take what they learned and pray with a Scripture verse.

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Main Ideas

- From the moment of our creation, God wills and desires for us to be in heaven and makes it possible for us to get to heaven through Jesus Christ.
- God freely gives us the gift of heaven, but we must decide to accept this gift through faith and then live our lives following all God has revealed to us.
- Because of the great love of God and the hope we have for heaven, our lives will look different; who we are and all of our actions will be a result and reflection of this great love.

Catechism Reference

“God’s free initiative demands man’s free response, for God has created man in His image by conferring on him, along with freedom, the power to know Him and love Him. The soul only enters freely into the communion of love. God immediately touches and directly moves the heart of man. He has placed in man a longing for truth and goodness that only He can satisfy. The promises of ‘eternal life’ respond, beyond all hope, to this desire” (CCC 2002).

Scripture Reference

“What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Family Reflection Questions

- What is one new thing you learned about heaven at Edge?
- How does the fact that heaven is a gift that is freely given to us impact you?
- Do you see heaven as a goal for your life? Why?