

The goal of Living Image is for teens to learn to share their story of God's work in their lives and invest in a life of discipleship.

Main Ideas:

- When we conform our lives to the life of Jesus, we can grow in holiness and goodness.
- Living as a disciple of Jesus does not mean we become imitations of someone else but, rather, live our own story by harnessing our God-given gifts.
- Complete surrender to God and the security He offers does not happen in an instant, but our continued hope is always in the transformative power of the Gospel.

Scripture for the Week

- 1 Corinthians 12: 20-31
- 1 John 2: 3-6

Opening Prayer

Have your teen begin the Life Night with a short prayer – it can be anything! Giving thanks, asking for a special intention, a prayer they know by heart, etc. Begin and end with the sign of the cross.

Teaching: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EcBc7_w6jcE

Reflection:

Read the following reflection together, slowly and answer the questions out loud or on paper as they come up.

Let us take a moment to place ourselves in God's presence. As you feel the Lord in this place, try to think back to your earliest memories. Go as far back as you can go.

Pause for a moment.

Try to remember the first meaningful gift you ever received. What was it? What did it look like? How did it feel in your hands? Who gave it to you? Was it for your birthday, Christmas, or just because? Place yourself in that moment.

Pause for a moment.

Try to remember the first time someone actively taught you something. Perhaps someone taught you how to ride a bike, how to read, or how to play a game. Who taught you? How did you feel when you did it by yourself for the first time?

Pause for a moment.

Remember the time when you met your first friend. What was your friend's name? What did he or she look like? How did he or she make you feel? Are you still friends today?

Pause for a moment.

Remember the first time you fell and someone helped you up. Perhaps it was a literal fall and you hurt yourself. Maybe it was a time when you were consumed by stress or depression, or maybe it was a time when you struggled with a particular sin. How did you end up there? How did that person help you? How far have you come since that fall or struggle? How much further do you still need to go?

Pause for a moment.

Remember the first time you were inspired by another person's story. Was the person real or

fictional? Where were you when you took in their story? Did their story make you want to stop what you were doing and listen? What specific part of their story has stuck with you? How were you changed by their story?

Pause for a moment.

Everyone has a story. Whether we have had triumphs and blessings or tragedies and failures, Jesus has walked alongside us through it all. When we accept this reality in our hearts, we are able to see that, through Jesus, all of our past and hopes for the future shape who we are today. Who in your life needs to hear your story? Who in your life will be inspired by the wondrous things Jesus has done in your life? You may think that what Jesus has done for you is insignificant or inconsequential, but that is not true. The world needs your story. Will you be willing to share it?

Closing Prayer

Close by praying an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be.