

Grade 7 - Lesson 3

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Proclamation:

God creates out of love, and everything that he creates is good. God created and tested man. Man fell, but God promised to send a Savior.



Catechetical Points

- God created the universe out of nothing. Everything God created was good.
- Man is created in the image and likeness of God. He received natural gifts, preternatural gifts, and supernatural gifts from God.
- God created the angels, who are pure spirits. God tested the angels, and some chose to rebel against God and became demons. Everyone has a guardian angels assigned to them by God.
- God tested Adam and Eve. Because of their disobedience, all humans are born into Original Sin, and we lost our preternatural and supernatural gifts. The most serious loss was the loss of grace and union with God. God promised to send a Savior to save us from sin.

Materials

- YouTube (Please bring your own laptop or tablet)
 - Wi-Fi: StMichaelGuest
 - Password: 6084375348
 - **Creation Sequence** by Ascension Press
<https://youtu.be/iXMUrwuYILk>
 - **Angels pt. 3** by GabiAfterHours
<https://youtu.be/kJlvJ9lOlqE> (watch until 4:20)

Before class starts:

- Students who arrive early can play Train Wreck with students from the other grades

[10 min] **Silent Prayer**

- Bring the class into church for a few minutes of silent prayer.
- Before praying, give the students some ideas of what to pray for:
 - Is there something troubling you this week?
 - Is there someone you know who needs God's help?
 - What are you grateful to God for?

[5 min] **Icebreaker Question**

- **If you could eliminate one thing from your weekly schedule, what would it be?**

[15 min] **Creation** (p. 24)

- God created the universe out of nothing. And everything God created was good.
- Read. the first paragraph on page 24 of the Student text (p. 32 in the teacher's manual).
- **Why do you think God created the world?**
- **Was God lonely?** *No. God is happiness and love itself.*
- **Did God need us?** *No. God created us out of love so that we could be one with him in heaven.*
- Watch **Creation Sequence** by Ascension Press
<https://youtu.be/iXMUrwuYILk>
- **What does it mean that we are created in the image and likeness of God?**
We have an intellect and free will.

[15 min] **Man** (p. 25-26)

- Draw the Chalk Talk (Hierarchy of Creation) on p. 26 of the teacher's manual
- **Why is man on top of the pyramid?**
- We have both a body and a soul. By giving us a soul, God elevated us above all other creatures on earth.

- Read the first 2 paragraphs under the **Human Person** section on page 25 of the student text.
- **What is the intellect?**
- **What is the will?**
- Adam and Eve received many gifts from God:
 - Natural Gifts
 - Our bodies
 - Our five senses
 - Preternatural Gifts:
 - Immortality
 - Knowledge of God
 - Harmony with nature, others, and ourselves
 - Freedom from pain
 - Supernatural Gift:
 - Grace (a share in God's life)
- We lost the preternatural and supernatural gifts after the fall of Adam and Eve. This is why death and suffering entered the world. Because man rebelled against God, nature also rebelled against man.
- Read **God Gave Man Special Gifts** on p. 26 in the student text.
- Our whole purpose in life is to obtain grace, and stay in the state of sanctifying grace until we die, so that we can be with God in heaven. It is God's grace that gives us eternal life.
- **How can we grow in grace?** *Prayer, the Sacraments, reading Scripture, doing good works*
- **How can we lose the state of sanctifying grace?** *Commit a mortal sin. Going to confession with sincere sorrow for our sins will restore us to the state of grace.*

[15 min] **Angels** (p. 26)

- Read the first paragraph under **The Creation of the Angels** on page 26 of the student text.
- Draw the Chalk talk on p. 28 of the teacher's manual
- **Why is man at the bottom of the spiritual world?**
- God created the angels, who are pure spirits.
- Watch **Angels pt. 3** by GabiAfterHours

<https://youtu.be/kJlvJ9lOlqE> (watch the video until 4:20)

Also look at the Nine Choirs of Angels box on p. 29 of the teacher's manual for additional information.

- **What do you think the angels are like?**
- Before the physical universe was created, God tested the angels, and some chose to rebel against God and became demons.
- Read the last 2 paragraphs under **The Creation of the Angels** on p. 26.
- **Why were some of the angels sent to hell?**
- **What do the demons want?**
- **Why did God give each of us a guardian angel?**
- The struggle between the good angels and demons is called spiritual warfare.
- Read Revelation 12:1-10.
- **Who do you think the dragon symbolizes?**
- **Who does the woman symbolize?** (*Mary, the faithful of Israel, and the Church*).
- The battle of good and evil will continue until the end of the world. **What are some examples of evil in the world today? What can we do to do our part in spiritual warfare?**

[15 min] **The Fall of Man**

- God tested Adam and Eve. Because of their disobedience, all humans are born into Original Sin, and we lost our preternatural and supernatural gifts. The most serious loss was the loss of grace and union with God. God promised to send a Savior to save us from sin.
- Read **The Fall of Man** on p. 26-27 in the student text.
- **What are the effects of Original Sin? What does that have to do with your life and the world today?**
- Read Genesis 3:14-19
- **In your own words, what is God saying to the serpent?**
- **What does it mean when God says he will put enmity between the serpent and the woman?**
- **Who will crush the head of Satan?**
- **What does it mean that the serpent will bruise Jesus' heel? *Satan will cause pain and suffering.***
- **How long will pain and suffering exist? *Until the end of time, when Christ returns.***

[1 min] **Closing Prayer**

- Prayer to My Guardian Angel (p. 179 in the Student Text / p. 318 in the Teacher's Manual)