

ART SHOW

Can We Know That God Exists?

Dear Parents and Family,

The question of the existence of God is one that can change the entire course of a person's life. This semester we will address questions about God and some of the biggest stumbling blocks in believing that God exists. In laying out foundational truths about God, the goal of this semester is for the middle school youth to come to see that it is reasonable to believe that God exists and, through faith, they can know God and be in a relationship with Him. This week at Edge, your son or daughter created a sculpture of a scene from a popular movie with their small group. The teaching reinforced the idea that it is important to ask questions and that we can come to know that God exists by using our intellect, desire, and will. After the teaching, the youth were guided in seeing the difference between their intellect, will, and desire. At the end of the Edge Night, the youth were asked to reflect on whether or not they think God exists and read a reflection based on their answer. Your child's weekly challenge is to read the reflection about the existence of God they were given at the end of the Edge Night at least one more time this week and underline what stands out to them.

Check out our Parent Life website at ltparentlife.com for resources on how to guide your teen in a faith-filled way through modern day culture!

Main Ideas

- If God is real, everything changes — our world and lives have purpose and meaning — but can we really know that God exists?
- It is good to search for God and ask questions, but it is important to understand that faith and belief are not opposed to reason and science; rather, they work together.
- Human beings are set apart from all other creatures because we have an intellect, will, and desire — through these things we can come to a reasonable conclusion that God exists.

Catechism Reference

“But this search for God demands of man every effort of intellect, a sound will, ‘an upright heart,’ as well as the witness of others who teach him to seek God” (CCC 30).

Scripture Reference

“Ever since the creation of the world His invisible nature, namely, His eternal power and deity, has been clearly perceived in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse” (Romans 1:20).

Family Reflection Questions

- What was your favorite part of the Edge Night?
- Why is it important to ask questions?
- If you could ask God one question, what would it be?