

# PROOF IN THE PAINT

Is It Reasonable to Believe That God Exists? (First Cause Argument)

## Dear Parents and Family,

This week at Edge, your son or daughter began by playing a game to guess a popular song based on the beginning of the song. This game tied into the teaching, which discussed how we can find proof that God exists because the universe has a beginning so we can logically conclude that there has to be something, or someone, outside of the universe that caused it to exist. The youth then created a drawing based on a beginning shape and discussed what they learned. The Edge Night ended with the youth creating a prayer web by tossing a ball of yarn around a large circle as they shared about a beginning in their life they are excited about and a beginning in their life they are nervous about. Your child's weekly challenge is to ask a family member about a beginning in their life they are excited for and a beginning they are nervous about and to pray a Glory Be with that person.

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## Main Ideas

- Significant scientific findings support the theory that our universe has a finite beginning.
- Everything that exists has a beginning and something that caused it to exist; using this argument we can logically conclude that there must be something, or someone, who caused the universe to exist — God.
- Through faith we can come to conclusions not only about how the universe began, but why the universe exists.

## Catechism Reference

“The question about the origins of the world and of man has been the object of many scientific studies ... These discoveries invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the creator, prompting us to give Him thanks for all His works and for the understanding and wisdom He gives to scholars and researchers” (CCC 283).

## Scripture Reference

“Worthy art thou, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for thou didst create all things, and by thy will they existed and were created” (Revelation 4:11)

## Family Reflection Questions

- What was your favorite part of the Edge Night?
- What beginning in your life are you excited about? What beginning are you nervous about?
- Do you find it reasonable that God is the one who created the universe and, thus, conclude that He exists? Why or why not?