**THE HUMAN PERSON – 10/28/18**

**Home Teach Assignment**

**Gospel Reading and Reflection**

Read today’s Gospel (Mark 10: 46-52) and share general reactions to this scripture.

Discuss: *“How do you think Bartimaeus’ life was different after he was cured?”*

Today’s Gospel speaks of physical blindness, but there are many other ways that people are blinded, or fail to see things properly.

Discuss: *“Can you think of other ways in which people might be blind?”*

*“Have you ever been blind to something? What helped you see?”*

Jesus asked Bartimaeus, “What do you want me to do for you?” Imagine Jesus asking you that question. *How would you answer him? How might his response change your life?*

**Activity 1: The Creation Accounts**

Read the two Creation accounts: Genesis 1:1-2:4, and Genesis 2:4-3:24.

Then read the introduction to “The Human Person, and then “Made in the Image of God” and “The Fall from Grace” in the *Catholic Faith Handbook* (pages 64-69 in the 3rd edition, pages 48-53 in the 2nd edition.)

Discuss:

1) What are three things the first Creation account tells us about God’s plan for human

Beings?

2) Define the word *soul.*

3) What is *stewardship*, and how does it relate to the Creation accounts?

4) How is the second account of Creation different from the first, and what additional things does it teach us?

**Activity 2: Creation Reflection**

At the heart of Catholicism is this belief: “We believe that God speaks to us through creation.”

Go outside and spend 10 minutes of quiet time, reflecting upon signs of Creation.

* + It may be a visual experience.
  + It may be sounds you hear.
  + It may be smells.

God’s creation is all around us, but sometimes we do not take the time to notice or appreciate it. To help with that, do this reflection in total silence. Try to free yourself from all distractions and truly experience your surroundings. While you are outside, look for ways that God is speaking to you through creation.

When you return, discuss: *What signs of Creation did you notice? How might God be speaking to you through those signs?*

**Activity 3: The Games We Play**

Brainstorm a list of games: board games, computer games, sports, TV show games…

Choose one game from the list that you are familiar with, and answer the questions on the “Games” handout. Use this week’s Gospel reading to answer question #3.

How does this activity relates to our responsibility for caring for God’s creation?

* + How does cooperation affect creation?
  + What are some examples of competition that negatively affects our ability as a society to care for the earth?
  + Describe a situation in which competition has had or could have a positive impact on creation.
  + Do you think a strong competitive spirit is more a help or a hindrance in caring for God’s Creation? Why?
  + What can you commit to doing to become more fully in cooperation with God’s creation?

**Closing Prayer**

Conclude by praying “The Canticle of Brother Sun.”

**Confirmation Candidates: Please complete and return the following page to document your participation.**

(Email it to [TColville@ChurchRedeemer.org](mailto:TColville@ChurchRedeemer.org) or bring it to the next session.)

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**From Activity 3: The Games We Play**

Complete the attached “Games” activity.