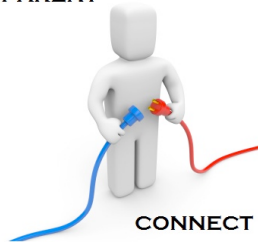


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In the Beginning...

October 10th, 2010

GOAL: The goal for this Life Night is to help the teens recognize God's plan of salvation from the beginning of creation. This night will also address the issues commonly associated with this Scripture, such as evolution. This Life Night will give the teens practical ways to live in hope of the promise of redemption and the coming of Christ.

SUMMARY OF THIS NIGHT: This life night is set in a jungle environment to give the teens the feel they have walked into the Garden of Eden. At the start of the night, the teens will be broken into small groups to create something out of gram crackers, icing and candy. This game will get the teens thinking about the idea of creation. After the game, we will have a talk which will cover three points:

- The book of Genesis was not written to answer the question of how the world was created, but why the world was created. John Paul II said that there is no conflict between science and religion as long as science does not remove God as the creator of the world.
- God created us in His image, which means God created us in the image of perfection. It shows the great love God has for us because He creates us to be perfect.
- We sin and screw up God's perfect creation. But, because God loves us so much, He does not abandon us but promises to send us a savior.

The teens will then split into a guys and girls group to talk. The night will close with the teens being led through an Examination of Conscience in the Church during Eucharistic Adoration

KEY VERSES: CCC# 385, CCC # 404, CCC# 1472, Genesis 1:26, Genesis 3:15

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

- 1) Why do you think so many people forget that we are made in God's image?
- 2) What would you say to someone who said, "The book of Genesis is a fairytale because it doesn't have dinosaurs in it"?
- 3) Is it hard to believe that the God who created everything would really wait for us every Sunday in the form of bread and wine? Why or why not?