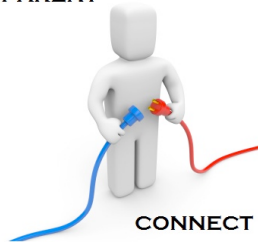


PARENT



Into the Garden

October 17th, 2010

GOAL: To teach the teens about the story of creation and how it is about why God created us (out of love) and he'll never abandon us despite our sinfulness.

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, we will have a bobbing for apple race to see which grade gets to eat their snacks first. Next, we will have a talk on the story of creation. The teens will learn 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 break into small groups. Each teen will receive a bit of playdough to play with as they contemplate the story of creation. The night will close with teens getting a printed copy of Psalm 139:13-16 to write a prayer of thanksgiving to God on and stick it in their Bible.

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) Why did God create us?
- 3) What would you say to someone who said, "The book of Genesis is a fairytale because it doesn't have dinosaurs in it"?