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MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL FAMILY FORMATION RESOURCES: September 2021

VIDEO AND DISCUSSION

Creation and Evolution | Catholic Central Video - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B_sE07hey4

Watch the video and then discuss the following questions with your family:

- What ways do faith and science complement each other?
- When people tell you that science proves God doesn't exist, how do you respond? Can science prove that God doesn't exist?
- What is a question that science alone can't answer?
- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI wrote that the creation story in Genesis doesn't tell us where we came from, but who we are. What does that mean to you?

ACTIVITY 1

Spend 10 minutes outdoors without any electronics, books, etc. Observe the beauty of creation.

In what ways do you see God?

ACTIVITY 2

Pick someone in your family, (a parent, grandparent, guardian or sibling) Explain what is true about him or her that is scientifically provable, then try describing truths about him or her in a poetic way that science can't prove or explain. How do these two truths work together to describe your loved one?

The Scientific explanation is what you can observe or know through biology, anatomy, etc. The poetic truth is what we can't discover or know through science, but it still very real and true.

- Here is an example to help you with this activity. I am going to explain who my Mom is.
 - Scientific explanation: She is a human being made up of a bunch of atoms and cells. She has red hair and freckles.
 - Poetic Explanation: My mom loves me a lot! She has a big heart. She is always looking out for other people. She enjoys eating ice cream. My mom is loved by God and she loves God.

ACTIVITY 3

Choose a Catholic scientist who has made major contributions to science and learn about him or her. How was he or she motivated by both faith and reason in their pursuit of truth? Here are a few options:

Julius Nieuwland, Mary Kenneth Keller, Louis Pasteur, Gregor Mendel, Georges LeMaitre, Blaise Pascal, Claude Bernard, Maria Agnesi, or Georgius Agricola.