

## Chapter One Agenda Created for Love

ACTIVITY	TIME
<p><b>Opening Prayer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Option #2 on p. 7 (<b>Bible – 2 Leaders/Readers</b>)</li> </ul> <p><i>Ask for a volunteer to read from the Bible and one to say the prayer.</i></p> <p><b>John 10:10; 15:11</b>  <i>A reading from the Book of John: “I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly...These things I have spoken to you that my joy might be in you and your joy may be full.”</i></p> <p><i>In the Name of the Father...</i></p> <p><i>Jesus, You have created us for love. You made us for Yourself, and our hearts will not be at rest until they rest in You. So open our minds and our hearts, so that this hour of study may be an hour of prayer. Help us to let go of those things that keep us from receiving the joy You wish to give us today and always. Amen.</i></p>	(2 min)
<p><b>Introduction:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Read Aloud by leader</b> - Introduction on pp. 1-3</li> <li>Or students can take turns</li> </ul>	(5 min)
<p><b>Opening:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Read Aloud by leader or ask students to read one paragraph:</b> Opening on pp. 5-6</li> </ul>	(5 min)
<p><b>Story Starter</b> : p. 7</p> <p>The students will alternately read this (or the leader/s can):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“ I gave in to him because I thought it would make him like me more. But the next day, he acted like he hardly knew me.”</li> <li>“ My parents got divorced when I was four, so I never really had a dad. Now my mom is with this other guy, but he gets drunk all the time and they fight a lot.”</li> <li>I’ve been hooked on porn for years and I don’t know how to get rid of the stuff.”</li> <li>“ I had too much to drink and slept with this one guy. Now I got a call from the clinic and they said I have an STD that can’t be cured.”</li> <li>“ No one has ever seemed interested in me. I hate my body.”</li> <li>“ You always hear about the guys using the girls, but after I gave my virginity to my girlfriend, I found out she was cheating on me.”</li> </ul>	(2 min to read)

<p>Could you imagine a world in which there was no divorce, sexual abuse, rape, sexually-transmitted diseases, depression, eating disorders, guilt, addictions, cutting, cheating, or pregnancies before marriage?</p> <p>It's hardly imaginable. But if we all long for such a world, then why do we all live in such a different one? If we were made for love, why does it seem so hard to find? And if we want love, why do we so often settle for the counterfeit of lust?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Discuss:</b> Choose a few questions on p.8 (Small Groups?)</li> </ul>	<p>(8 min to discuss)</p>
<p><b>DVD - Into &amp; Chapter 1</b></p> <p>In the first segment of the DVD we will be watching Brian Butler, one of the authors the ToB for Teens ask some people two questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What is the Meaning of Life?</li> <li>2. What is the purpose of the Body?</li> </ol> <p>Take a moment to reflect what your answer might be before we seek how others answered it.</p> <p>In the second segment, Brian Butler, Jason &amp; Crystalina Evert will discuss Sexuality and Spirituality and the connection between them. That if we understand our sexuality our spirituality will make more sense.</p> <p>In the third segment a several people will say how important the ToB is</p> <p>In the final segment - there will be a pop quiz to see how well you paid attention.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>(Leader please review CCC #355-421 on how to approach Genesis (see Notes &amp; Nuggets p. 5L))</b></p>	<p>(30 min)</p>
<p><b>TEACHING: Not Meant to Be Alone</b></p> <p>Jason said on the DVD that the Body is like a sacrament, then he quotes John Paul II:</p> <p>“The Body, in fact, and it alone is capable of making visible what is invisible: the spiritual and divine. It was created to transfer into the visible reality of the world the mystery [of God]...and thus be a sign of it.” – ToB</p> <p>What is a sacrament? An visible sign of an invisible reality. For example, in the Eucharist, the visible sign is the bread and wine, the invisible reality is the body and blood of Christ.</p>	<p>( 3min)</p>

<p>Although we cannot see God, our bodies reveal many amazing truths about Him, because we are made in His “image and likeness.” For example, just as a <b>sacrament</b> makes a spiritual reality (grace) visible, the body makes our call to love visible. This is what John Paul II refers to as the <b>sacramentality of the body</b>. Just as a sign on the side of a road points you to something in reality, our bodies point us to the meaning of life. Our bodies and their desires are very good signs of God’s existence, of His love for us, and of our call to love others!</p>			
<p>Ask what we know is real but is invisible to the naked eye List on board: (some examples)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thoughts</li> <li>• Feelings</li> <li>• Gravity</li> <li>• Wind</li> </ul> </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heat/Cold</li> <li>• Trust/Faith</li> <li>• <b>God (keep for last)</b></li> </ul> </td> </tr> </table>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thoughts</li> <li>• Feelings</li> <li>• Gravity</li> <li>• Wind</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Heat/Cold</li> <li>• Trust/Faith</li> <li>• <b>God (keep for last)</b></li> </ul>	(8 min)
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<p><b>Movie Clip:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Show movie clips #1 or #3 on p. <b>16L</b> and then summarize the point (<b>DVD &amp; Player</b>)</li> </ul> <p>The Return of the King – 1:15:48 and 1:17:35 (from the second disc of the extended version)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Frodo and his best friend, Sam, are on a mission together. Frodo has had to carry the burden of the ring and just can’t go on. Sam tells him that he can’t carry the ring for him, but he can carry Frodo. It could be said that their friendship resembles the relationship between God and His creation. God created us with a purpose, and while He will not accomplish our mission for us, He is always there offering us grace. He is a faithful friend ready to help us at every turn.</li> </ul>	(10 min)		
<p><b>Homework:</b></p> <p>Using the glossary at the end of the chapter complete the crossword. Or have students create their own crossword using any of the online programs for example: <a href="http://www.eclipsecrossword.com/">http://www.eclipsecrossword.com/</a></p>			
<p><b>Closing Prayer:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Do the closing prayer on p. 17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ First read then the prayer to the Blessed Virgin Mary p. 23L</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	(2 min)		

**Items needed:**

*Return of the King* DVD  
Means for showing the DVD  
Crossword

Leader’s Guide  
Bible