

- How can we show that we appreciate God’s gifts? (thank God for all the gifts; care for our pets and treat them gently; water our classroom plants and our gardens; avoid littering; etc.)

Recall from Theme One (Topic 2) that our lives are also gifts that God gives to us. Each one of us is a precious gift and is special in God’s eyes.

Ask the children:

- How do we show that we appreciate the gift of our lives? (we thank God for our lives; we care for ourselves and others)

We will now hear a story about Dominic and Sara. They meet, fall in love, and decide to marry. They each appreciate and love the special gift God has given to them – the gift of each other.

Tell the children that as they listen to the story, they can follow the illustrations in their books, and read the captions. Also tell the children to listen carefully to the story. You might tell them:

- If you were in the story, imagine what you would see, hear, feel, taste, and smell.

After reading the story, ask the children to share their ideas about what they imagined they would experience with their five senses. Consider adding their responses to the chart suggested on page 110 of the Teacher’s Guide.

Continue now with the We Experience part of the lesson on page 107 of the Teacher’s Guide.

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