

The Only Begotten Son of God...consubstantial with the Father, Through him all things were made

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Discussion Questions 8th Grade

1. In the last week (or few weeks), what is one word or phrase that you would use to describe your relationship with God? Why?

OR

If you were to use one word to describe the last week or so for you, what word would that be and why?

2. We hear in the Catechism that Jesus, the Word became flesh to make us “partakers in the divine nature”...“For the Son of Man became man that man might become God.” (CCC 460)

In your own life right now, how do you believe that Jesus is inviting you into deeper relationship with him, so that you might be a partaker in his divine nature?

(This could be a greater invitation to prayer, to talk to God more, to participate more in the Sacraments, read more scripture, etc.)

3. Which person of the Blessed Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) do you resonate the most with (i.e. who do you feel closest to)? Why?

Secondarily, which Person of the Trinity would you like to get to know more or understand more fully?

4. Today we heard that Jesus is the only begotten Son of God---begotten, not made. We heard that he is consubstantial with the Father (i.e. of the same substance as the Father). We also heard that Jesus created the world with the Father, and through Jesus all things were made.

Of the teaching you heard today, is there anything that you didn't know before OR are there any aspects of what you learned today that you don't fully understand?

5. The Catechism states that “The unique and altogether singular event of the Incarnation of the Son of God does not mean that Jesus Christ is part God and part man...He became truly man while remaining truly God.” (CCC 464) Why do you think it matters that Jesus is **truly** (I.e. fully) God and **truly** (i.e. fully) man, instead of **partly** God and **partly** man?