

6 year olds	OUR HEAVENLY FATHER
Module 4	God's Special Gifts
Lesson 2	Our Souls

AIMS

1. Students will learn the gradations of life present in God's creation.
2. They will be able to define the soul as the source of life Having the power to know, love and choose.
3. They will know that although the body will die, the soul will live for ever.

BEGIN

1. Remind the children that in the last lesson they learned that they are mad up of a body and a soul. They all so learned a great deal about the powers their bodies have. Ask the children to name the five senses. Tell them that today they will learn about their souls, and even greater gift from God.

STEP 1

1. Read Special Paragraph 3 in the children's pack with the children.

STEP 2

1. Discuss the "Staircase of creation" with the children.
2. Discuss the rock with the children. Ask the children what a rock can do, Can it grow? Can it move by itself? Can it talk, feel or see? Explain that although a rock exists it is not alive. That is why it belongs on the bottom step of the staircase. Ask the children to suggest other things that belong with the rock (e.g. mountains, lakes, stars, etc.).
3. Discuss the plant with the children. What can a plant do? It can grow so it must be alive. But it cannot move like animals can. The plant belongs on the next step of the creation staircase. Ask the children to suggest other things that could go on this step: flowers, trees, bushes, grass, etc.
4. Next discuss the animal. Animals are alive. How do we know this? Because animals grow, and eat, and move. But can animals learn or talk or laugh or pray. No they cannot. They belong on the next step. Encourage the children to think of other examples that could go on this step.
5. Next discuss the man. Explain to the children that because they have a rational soul, they can know, love and choose what to do. They can learn about God, love God and other people, and they can decide to do good things. Explain to the children that if they do these things well, they can go to Heaven when their bodies die, for their souls will live forever. Souls are the part of man that is like God. God will live forever, and He wants His children to live with Him in perfect happiness forever too. Remind the children that in the story of creation, God said, "Let us make man in our own image and likeness."

REINFORCE

Give the children the Order of Creation project in their packs. After they have drawn and coloured all four picture, staple them together into a little book. Make sure the children sort the pages into the right order,

CONCLUDE

1. Revise Catechism question 10 and practice question 11.
2. Close with the special prayer at the end of the children's pack.
3. Sing "I heard the voice of Jesus say." *Adoramus Hymnal*, #579.

PREVIEW

Explain that in the next lesson we will learn more about how to use our body and soul to live good and holy lives here in this world. When we die we will then be able to go to Heaven.