

Edge: Kingdom Come
(Week of Jan. 31)



On Purgatory, Heaven and Hell

GATHER: Play a game of scattergories if you have it!

CONNECT: A board game, like scattergories, takes skill and luck to win. Just as you can't control which letter is rolled, you can not always control what happens in life. However, God has given you all the graces, or 'skills' you need to navigate to the ultimate win: Heaven. Fr. Peter shares some answers on [Purgatory, Heaven and Hell](#).

EXPLORE: Main Points to Take Away

- Heaven is the ultimate fulfillment of the deepest longings of our hearts, where we are in union with God and get to be with him for all eternity. Purgatory, for most of us, is a necessary place for us to go and be purified of our worldly desires so that we can be ready for Heaven.
- Hell is a reality that exists because of our free will, and is complete self-exclusion from God. God doesn't rejoice in being separated from his children.
- When we strive for grace, to grow in virtue, and to deepen our love for God and others, we are cooperating with God's grace that will lead us to Heaven.

Discussion from Fr. Peter's Proclaim

- Take some time to discuss with your teen their thoughts about Fr. Peter's proclaim.

Journal: Talking about death, Heaven, and Hell can bring up a lot of difficult questions. It is important to remember some fundamental truths of our faith that can help bring us back to living in the joy of the Gospel. Invite the teens to fill in the blanks as you read through below.

1. God **loves** you. He created you on purpose and with a purpose. God doesn't make accidents or mistakes.
2. God **desires** a relationship with you. God wants to know you and for you to know him.
3. God will do **anything** and forgive **any sin** that you repent of in order to be with you forever. There is nothing you have done, can do, or will ever do that is unforgivable or will separate you from God.

REFLECT: St. Paul said, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor present things, nor future things, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39) All you need to do is go to him and ask forgiveness and resolve to do better.

In closing prayer, pray together the Act of Hope.

O my God, relying on Your almighty power and infinite mercy and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the help of Your grace, and everlasting life, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

LIVE IT! This week with your parents, look up a question you have about being Catholic and/or your faith. Some good Catholic sources for your answer: [Life Teen](#), [USCCB](#), and the [Vatican](#)