



Life is Precious from the First Moment of Conception
A Lesson on Loving and Respecting all Human Life
Grades 4-6

Goal:

Introduce the idea of respect for all life beginning at the moment of conception and why it is so important to support women who are expecting children.

Materials:

- [How Big Is Your Baby](#) website (optional materials—bring in some produce examples of the different baby sizes so students can hold them and see just how big/small they really are. Or—if your school has access to a set of fetal development models, bring those into the classroom for the children to see and hold)
- Print pages 16-17 of the [Valuing Life Tool Kit](#) Every Person Matters.

Lesson:

This lesson deals with the beauty and wonder of development of human life prior to birth. It hints at the fact that not all babies are allowed to be born, but there is no need to mention “abortion” at this grade level unless it comes up in the conversation from the students or the teacher determines that the students are ready to talk about it.

Each and every person is created by God out of love, from the very first, tiny moment of their lives before they are born. Even though authors of the Bible didn’t have microscopes or ultrasound machines, they knew that God had plans for even preborn babies.

Watch: [The Miracle of Life](#) video (either with or without the “conception” part!)

Discussion:

- What did you learn?
- What surprised you the most about human development before birth?
- Was any of it gross?
- Was any of it beautiful?

- Have any of you ever felt an unborn baby kicking or seen an ultrasound image? Now you know what the baby was doing on the inside while you were observing from the outside!

Activity:

Look at the pictures and read the descriptions on [“How big is your baby”](#) of several different stages of fetal development.

- What is taking place at each time?

Talk about how quickly the baby is growing and developing. If there are either produce or fetal models, let the children hold them to really understand how small the baby is when his/her heart starts beating or when fingers/toes develop.

Ask them to share stories of newborn babies they have seen in their families and what they noticed about their abilities.

Watch:

Some lighthearted videos about people happy to have their babies.

- [“From Bump to Buzz”](#)
- [“Wife’s Enchanted Pregnancy”](#)

Discussion:

- Is having a baby easy?
- Is every woman who gets pregnant really happy about it? Why or why not?
- What might make someone unhappy about being pregnant?
- Just because someone is not happy at one time, does that mean she will stay unhappy?

Watch:

Video of kids with Down Syndrome sharing their stories of their amazing lives to moms expecting babies with Down Syndrome. This video is about situations where pregnancies might not be so happy.

- [“Dear Future Mom”](#)

Discussion:

- What did you think about these situations?
- Are there times when a woman might not be as happy to be pregnant?
- What can we do to help her become happy instead?

Activity:

Provide each student with photocopies of pages 16-17 of the [Valuing Life Tool](#) Kit—preferably in color.

Make sure they have colored pencils, markers or crayons to draw with. Ask them to fill in each frame with a picture of some person who has greatly influenced their life. It may be a family member, a friend, or even a public figure they admire. This is meant to be a thoughtful project—do not encourage pet pictures or fictional characters.

Once students have finished the project, ask them to share with the class one or two people they have

chosen and why. Then ask if they can predict what their lives might be like now had that person not been allowed to be born. How many people are influenced/affected by any one single person? What does this tell us about the value of each individual in God's plan for the world?

PRAYER

God our Father, you created each person perfect,
a gift from you to the world.

Help us to see perfection,
even when our eyes see problems or inconvenience.

Help us to treat each person as a gift
and share our lives as a gift to the world for you.

Amen