



We Cannot Separate from God's Mercy
The Effects of Pregnancy Choices on Individuals and the World
Grades 7-9

Goal:

Students will learn about the difficult choices facing a woman in an unintended pregnancy and how the effects of her choice change her and the entire world.

Lesson:

This lesson deals with the beauty and wonder of development of human life prior to birth. It is important to introduce the subject of abortion and the dignity and beauty of the preborn. 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 God had plans for every preborn baby.

Questions:

- What are some concerns a parent might have for their unborn children?
- Do you think there are any good reasons for not wanting to have a child?
- What if a woman is already pregnant?
- Does she have options? Why?

Watch one, two or have students watch all:

- [Brianna's Story](#), 3-minute video of Brianna's choice to parent her child after finding resources that supported her and provided her with the practical resources she needed.
- ["The Story of Jessica and Meghan"](#) Heartwarming story of one college girl who helped a friend through a pregnancy. Students for Life of America. (6.5 minutes)
- [Imagining Life if I Had Chosen Abortion](#) Darby's story of becoming a 16-year-old mom who reflects on what life would be like now had she chosen abortion instead. Positive and powerful. (3 minutes.)

Discussion:

These videos share four women's stories about the choices they made for their pregnancies.

- What types of things did each consider?
- How important was support of their families, friends, and the baby's father in their decisions? Who seemed the happiest with her decision? Why?
- Do any of these decisions seem to be less positive? Which?
 - (Depending on the dynamics of the classroom, students may wish to share personal stories of people they know who have made difficult pregnancy decisions and the effects of those.)

Abortion is often promoted as a quick and easy decision to a difficult problem, particularly for teens. And, from the outside it can definitely appear that way. But, hundreds of thousands of women, from teenagers to old ladies, have shared stories of incredibly pain and grief following abortion—grief and pain they cannot get rid of no matter what they do. Thankfully, we know that God can forgive anything we do, even abortion. While God's healing will not take away many of the terrible effects of abortion, it can mend the relationship with God and allow the woman to find spiritual strength while she rebuilds the rest of her life.

Watch: [This is the Generation that's Going to End It:](#) Chris Stefanick talks about the effects of abortion and the great groundswell of support from today's young people to stop abortion in their lifetimes. (4 minutes)

Discussion:

- Why does our generation want to end abortion?
- What can we do to end it?
- How do we get started?

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
 You show your great love to the world by sending children to
 reflect your Glory.
 We pray that every child will be welcomed with love and joy as a
 Gift from you.
 We ask for strength and hope for every woman experiencing an unintended pregnancy.
 Allow her to see your face in her unborn baby.
 Send her the support she needs to make the choice for life
 so that she and her baby will live happily in your love.
 Allow us to be instruments of your love,
 to encourage life by offering support in any way that we can
 to all mothers and fathers and their children.

AMEN