

Lesson 1 – Life Begins at Conception & Fetal Development

For Christian schools or Sunday School classes: Eighth Grade

Time: 45 minutes

Materials:

- Bible
- Ultrasound Video: *Live from the Womb Baby Steps* DVD
- The First 9 Months* Brochure

Media: DVD player or computer connected to Movie/Powerpoint Screen.

Concepts:

- Life begins at conception-NOT birth.
- To be familiar with the stages of a developing baby inside a mother's uterus.

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Bible Verse: Psalms 139:13-16

Discussion: Read Psalms 139:13-16.

Questions: Who is our Creator? (Answer: God)

How does this Scripture tell us we are made? (Answer: Fearfully and Wonderfully)

How is the word "fearfully" used here? (Answer: It expresses the greatness with which we are made by God.)

What does it mean to fear the Lord? (Answer: It does not mean to be scared of Him. It means we must reverence Him because He is holy and does not approve of sin. We should recognize God's awesome power and His supreme greatness.)

So, what does it mean that we are fearfully and wonderfully made? (Answer: It means that God has made us with so much love and attention to detail that it is AWESOME.)

God knew and saw us while we were still in the womb. Discuss the meaning of these verses. Explain the definitions of any words that the children might not understand.

Questions: What is the secret place? (Answer: a mother's womb)

Why is it called secret? (Answer: because inside it is not visible to everyone)

What does it mean to be “woven together”? (Answer: this refers to how we grow and develop in our mother’s womb.)

It was not long ago that it was impossible to see a baby in the womb. Today, however, we have technology that allows us to get a see a baby while he or she is still in his or her mother’s womb before he or she is even born. We have special cameras and devices that let us see the different stages of development of a baby before he or she is born. Because of this special technology, we are able to see what only God used to be able to see. We can see into the once “secret place,” a mother’s womb.

Sometimes when we see a photo of an unborn baby, it is difficult to pick out different body parts on the developing baby.

When we see a baby’s “unformed body”, we know that God is “weaving” this little person’s body so that it can grow, develop, and become ready to be born. Explain that even when a baby in the womb doesn’t resemble a baby, we still know that he is a living human being because God tells us that he or she has a soul.

Even when it is difficult for us to see the little baby in the womb, God can see him or her and He knows him or her even when he or she is not yet fully formed.

Life begins at conception – not birth. Birth is one day in the life of someone who is already nine months old! Have the children add on nine months to their age, and figure out how old they would be in days and months.

Activity: Watch the *Baby Steps* DVD.

Give the children a copy of *The First 9 Months*. Read it aloud in class if you have time. If not, then let them take it home.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, it is amazing to think about the miracle of new life. You could have chosen to bring each new life into the world as an already born child or even as an adult. Instead, You chose to knit a part of the mother together with a part of the father in the “secret place” of the mother’s womb. We praise You for making each one of us and we thank You for the life of each child in the room right now (list the names of each one). Thank You for this miracle of life! In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Lesson 2 – Abortion and Scripture

For Christian schools or Sunday School classes: Eighth Grade

Time: 45 minutes

Materials:

- Bible
- US Law and Abortion* Handout
- The Basics* Handout
- RU486* Handout
- What Does the Bible Say About Abortion* Handout
- Samuel Armas' Story: <http://www.members.tripod.com/~joseromia/samuel.html> and <http://randomnetstuff.com/page/1/bighand.php>

Media: DVD player or computer connected to Movie/Powerpoint Screen with internet access.

Concepts: By defining abortion and then exploring Scripture, students will understand why abortion is not God's choice.

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your infinite wisdom and beautiful teachings found in the Bible. Please give us the strength and powers of the Holy Spirit to obey the commandments and teachings of the Bible, because it is only when we follow Your ways that we are truly at peace with others and ourselves. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Bible verses: *What Does the Bible Say About Abortion* Handout

Discussion: Define abortion: Forcefully removing baby from the mother's womb with the intention that baby would NOT survive – Abortion is murder! The American Life League gives this definition of abortion: The administration of any drug, device, potion, medicine, or any other substance or the use of any instrument or any other means whatsoever with the specific intent of terminating the life of a preborn child [the human being in existence from fertilization until birth] or preborn children; "abortion" shall not be construed to include the following: 1. a case in which the unintended death of a preborn child or preborn children results from the use by a physician licensed to practice medicine under (insert code pertinent to law) of a procedure that is necessary to save the life of the mother or the preborn child or preborn children. And that is used for the express purpose of, and with the specific intent of, saving the life of the mother or of the preborn child or preborn children; 2. a spontaneous abortion (i.e. a miscarriage); 3. the removal of a preborn child who has died; 4. any therapeutic treatment or surgery performed upon a preborn child or preborn children that results in the unintentional death of a preborn child or preborn children. <http://www.all.org/issues/abdefine.htm>

Roe vs. Wade legalized abortion in 1973. Before then abortion was not legal in the

US. Up to what point in the pregnancy can you have an abortion? (Answer: Because of *Roe vs. Wade*, anytime from conception up to 9 months) Briefly describe methods of abortion: 1. Chemical poisoning using an injection to the baby. 2. Removing the babies' body parts with a vacuum. 3. Taking abortion pills to kill the child. There is no anesthesia used on the baby during any abortion. But even if they gave the baby anesthesia during an abortion, it would still be wrong. Abortion is still murder.

Is this baby in the mother's womb actually human life – is it a person yet? Well, Dr. J.C. Willke's says: "Upon its (this question's) answer hinges the entire abortion issue, as all other considerations pale to insignificance when compared with it. If what is growing within the mother is not human life, it is just a piece of tissue--a glob of protoplasm--then it deserves little respect or consideration...If the only scientific instruments you use are your own unaided eyes, then a common judgment that you might make would be that "it isn't human until it looks human." Of course, the technology we have available now allows us to visualize life inside the womb...But if this is human life, then we are faced with a second question: Should we give equal protection to babies inside the mother's womb?"

In Germany when the Nazis were in charge, Hitler convinced the people of Germany that they were a superior race and there was a need to get rid of their weaknesses (e.g., the Jews, elderly, disabled). He didn't value them as humans.

This is a true story, but the name of the woman has been changed. It takes place in the late 1960s in a small Southern town: Marion is a 15-year-old high school sophomore. She has been dating her boyfriend for a couple of months. They become sexually active, and she finds herself pregnant. This is considered a scandal in this small Southern town. It is decided that there will be a quick wedding between Marion and the young boy.

Approaching the time of the hurried wedding, a well-meaning aunt suggests an abortion (at this time they were not legal but still performed). Marion goes through with the abortion.

Many years later, in her thirties, she is expecting her first child. She is having an ultrasound and is able to view her unborn baby in the womb. At that moment she is haunted by the child she aborted so many years ago. She had always been troubled by her decision to have an abortion, but as she viewed her young baby in the ultrasound, she realizes what a very bad decision it had been.

How many of you have heard of Samuel Armas? Samuel was operated on at 21 weeks inside his mother's uterus. A photograph shows Samuel grasping the hand of the surgeon. He was born weighing 5 lbs., 11 oz., on Thursday, December 2, 1999. He was born at 36 weeks with a big cry to announce himself to the world. Show the photo of Samuel Armas on the powerpoint screen. Read the internet

article about how during his surgery while still in utero, he grabbed the finger of the Vanderbilt University Medical Center surgeon that was operating on him. <http://www.members.tripod.com/~joseromia/samuel.html> and <http://randomnetstuff.com/page/1/bighand.php>

Ask the question to students, "Is abortion God's choice?" Tell students that today we will explore Scriptures that show abortion is wrong.

Activity: Give each child a copy of the handouts. Have the children take turns reading aloud the verses from the sheet *What Does the Bible Say About Abortion*. These verses include: Deuteronomy 30:19-20, Exodus 20:13, Psalms 127:3, Ecclesiastes 11:5, and Matthew 19:14.

Read through the rest of the handouts about abortion out loud if you have time. Otherwise, urge the children to take them home and read them on their own.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your gift of life to us. We also thank You for helping our parents choose life. It makes us sad to think that so many mothers and fathers have refused to welcome new life into the world. Help the people of our country understand that each life is precious--from the moment of conception until natural death. Each life is a gift from You--a life with a future and hope. Help us make a difference, in Your name, for life! Amen.

Lesson 3 – The Impact of Abortion

For Christian schools or Sunday School classes: Eighth Grade

Time: 45 minutes

Material:

- Bible
- Peace in the Womb* Handout
- Missing Persons* Handout
- Which Is More Valuable?* Handout
- Life After Abortion* DVD

Media: DVD player or computer connected to Movie/Powerpoint Screen.

Concept:

- Abortion: Killing of innocent unborn baby
- Additional facts about abortion

Bible Verse: Isaiah 49:15

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Discussion: Read Isaiah 49:15. Almost all mothers & fathers love their babies, born or unborn. Unfortunately, some parents don't. Some moms and dads decide that they don't want their baby. As we learned in the last class, these parents have abortions. We should remember to pray for God to protect those little babies in danger. God loves all the children He creates never forgets about the unborn baby.

Why would someone NOT want to have a baby? What are the some other options? (Answer: One good option is to give the baby up for adoption)

There have been over 54 million abortions since *Roe vs. Wade* was passed into law in 1973. Almost all other countries have followed this terrible example.

Activity: Watch the first 35 minutes of the DVD *Life After Abortion*.

Give each child a copy of the handouts. Read through them out loud in class if you have time, and answer any questions the children may have.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for not forgetting about us nor about any human being in the world. Please heal the women who have been deeply hurt by abortion. Lord, thank You for Your love and forgiveness. We pray for those mothers and fathers that are contemplating an abortion, that they may choose life. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Lesson 4 – The Impact of Abortion (continued)

For Christian schools or Sunday School classes: Eighth Grade

Time: 30-40 minutes

Materials: •Bible
•*Life After Abortion* DVD

Concepts: •Abortion: Killing of innocent unborn baby
•Additional facts about abortion

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Bible Verses: Luke 1:39-42

Discussion: Read Luke 1:39-42. This verse indicates that John the Baptist, when he was an unborn baby, jumped for joy at the presence of Jesus. We, too, should be joyful if we have Jesus in our lives.

Share this excerpt from the book *Surprised by God* by Steven Arterburn. This is a man's experience of what abortion did to him. He writes:

"In college, I dated a girl for whom I really cared. She was bright, gentle, beautiful and energetic, as well as being a Christian. . . . Because we loved each other, I had an easy time convincing her to sleep with me. I justified my sin--and hers-- by believing that love covered everything. Eventually, I would discover it was less love for her and more love for myself that led me to seek sexual gratification. . . She became pregnant. . . So there we were, my girlfriend and I and the baby growing in her womb." He goes on to say that, he convinces her to have an abortion. He writes further on, "I convinced her because it was the best way out of a bad situation and because she thought I loved her. She and I would have a 23-year-old daughter today if I had not moved to take that life away. The guilt, shame, and remorse had emotional, physical, and spiritual consequences that had such a devastating effect on me that I almost lost my life."

Activity: Watch the next 35 minutes of the DVD *Life After Abortion*.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Lord, we thank You so much for Your kindness to us each day. Thank you for watching over us. We pray that some day soon we may have enough pro-life Supreme Court Justices that they would overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Help men and women in all levels of government act on behalf the unborn and support laws and bills that would protect life. We pray these things, in Jesus' Name, Amen.

Lesson 5 -- Adoption and Forgiveness for Women and Men Whose Children Were Killed by Abortion

For Christian schools or Sunday School classes: Eighth Grade

Time: 45 minutes

Materials: •Bible
•*Life After Abortion* DVD

Concepts: •Adoption is an alternative to abortion.
•Women and men involved in abortion can find forgiveness in Christ.

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Bible Verse: I Kings 3:16-28
Psalms 32:3-5
Psalms 51

Discussion: Questions to discuss: What if the women who had abortions chose adoption instead? Do you think they would feel better? "How many know someone who was adopted?" Even though it can be hard for the women to give up their children in adoption, it's always worse to have an abortion. It's never right to have an abortion.

Share the story from the Bible, 1 Kings 3:16-28. This involves King Solomon's wise decision. Two women confronted King Solomon, both claiming to be the mother of the same child. In order to learn which woman was the real mother, Solomon ruled that the child be cut in two and each half given to the women separately. One woman was satisfied with the order, but the true mother was willing to give up claim to her son so that her child might have life.

This story represents the truly unselfish love of a mother. She chose life for the child instead of death. This is true of mothers who choose adoption over abortion. Of course, it is not easy to give up a child for adoption (this is an understatement); but it brings peace to know that two adoptive parents love her child.

Adoption brings unspeakable happiness to couples that are unable to bear children. There aren't enough babies available for adoption, so those couples usually have to wait three to five years before they get a baby. If more women chose to give their children in adoption rather than have abortions, then those couples wouldn't have to wait so long.

How many of you know people who cannot adopt an American child, so they adopt a child from another country? Unfortunately, it is very expensive most of

the time, and many couples are not able to afford the adoption from another country.

Contrast the choice of adoption versus the choice of abortion:

Adoption

- Unselfish love of mother for child
- Joy to childless couples

Abortion

- Shame and guilt
- Death to a baby

Women and men suffer emotionally after abortions. They may experience anger, guilt, and sadness. These feelings are not abnormal. These feelings may be experienced even after many years. There is guilt, anger, despair and heartache. Many women and even men who suffer the aftermath of abortion lose confidence in themselves.

Even though abortion is a terrible sin, it can be forgiven through the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ. There are many wonderful groups which aid women and men in dealing with post-abortion healing. We should never reject a woman who has had an abortion, but always reach out in kindness, love, and forgiveness.

In the Bible, we have an example of God's forgiveness. King David lusted after a beautiful woman named Bathsheba, he committed adultery with her, and then had her husband killed at the battlefields so he could marry Bathsheba who is pregnant with his child. A prophet named, Nathan, revealed David's sin and then David repented. King David wrote a couple of prayers after he acknowledged his sin of adultery with Bathsheba and his murder of Uriah, Bathsheba's husband. We'll read these prayers together now: Read Psalms 32:3-5 and Psalms 51.

Activity: Finish watching the DVD *Life After Abortion*. Answer any questions the children may have.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank You for the women who choose adoption over abortion. The joy and gratitude these women give to couples desperate to have children is beyond words. Please bless them abundantly all the days of their lives. Please, heal women who have had abortions. Let them feel the joy of Your forgiveness after they lay the burden of their sin before You. Renew and fill those women with peace. In Jesus' name, we pray, Amen.

Lesson 6 -- Quizzes on Abortion

For Christian schools or Sunday School classes: Eighth Grade

Time: 30 minutes

Materials:

- Pencils
- How Much do You Know About Abortion?* Quiz (See Appendix)
- Roe IQ* Quiz

Objective: By taking these quizzes, students will learn pertinent facts about abortion.

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Bible Verse: Jeremiah 1:5

Discussion/Activity:

Read Jeremiah 1:5. What does God mean when He says He knew us before we were formed? God has a plan for each of us and has created us with the talents and gifts to accomplish that plan. God knew Jeremiah was going to be a prophet before he was born and God gave Jeremiah the talents he needed.

Hand out the *How Much do You Know About Abortion?* Quiz. After the quiz, go over the answers: 1. c, 2. c, 3., b, 4. b, 5. b, 6. c, 7. b Allow time for discussion of quiz.

Here are some more statistics about why women get abortions. (Facts are from an Alan Guttmacher Institute survey, Planned Parenthood's research arm, as shown at www.lovematters.com).

75% of women said the baby would interfere with their lives

66% of women said they couldn't afford a child

50% of women didn't want to be a single parent or had problems in their current relationship

4% of women had a doctor who said their health condition would worsen

1% of women had a fetal abnormality

1% of women were victims of rape or incest

Contrary to common perceptions, almost 95% of all abortions are for reasons of convenience, not for rape, incest or mother's health.

In *Roe vs. Wade* (1973), the Supreme Court allowed states to restrict abortions in the last three months, 'except where it is necessary for the preservation of life or health of the mother.' However, in *Doe vs. Bolton*, the companion case to *Roe vs. Wade*, the Court defined "health" to include all factors – physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age relevant to the well-being of the patient. Because of this broad definition of "health", the Court, in effect,

permitted abortion-on-demand in all 50 states right up till birth for any of these reasons.

Have the children take the Roe IQ Quiz. When they're finished, read the answers aloud and have them score their own quizzes. (NOTE: As of January 2012, over 54 million babies have been killed by abortion in the US since 1973. This quiz is somewhat outdated, as it indicates only 40-48 million abortions done.)

Closing Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your gift of life to us. Each life is a gift from You - a life with a future and hope. Help to make a difference in Your name for life! For Jesus' sake, Amen.

Lesson 7 -- Psychological Effects of Abortion

For Christian schools or Sunday School classes: Eighth Grade

Time: 45 minutes

Materials: •Bible
•*Surprised by God* DVD

Media: DVD player or computer connected to Movie/Powerpoint Screen.

Objective: By viewing the video, students will learn:

1. Psychological effects of abortion
2. Positive outcomes of adoption
3. Facts about abortion
4. Pregnancy resource centers minister to women contemplating abortions

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Bible Verse: Isaiah 44:2
Ecclesiastes 11:5

Discussion/Activity:

Read Isaiah 44:2, Ecclesiastes 11:5. We can see from this verse that God is the one who forms all the parts of the baby in the womb.

View the first half of *Surprised by God*. It is the personal testimony of Stephen Arterburn, a psychologist who is involved in a counseling ministry. He shares his decision to pressure his girlfriend to have an abortion had a devastating effect on him. The DVD also talks about the joy of being able to adopt a baby after he and his wife were infertile for years.

Get feedback on videotape from students. Were they surprised to learn that even a boyfriend would be affected this way?

Closing Prayer:

Dear Lord, thank You for the powerful testimony of Stephen Arterburn. Thank You for women who choose adoption over abortion. Give us the courage to be pro-life. Amen.

Lesson 8 --Psychological Effects of Abortion, Part 2

For Christian schools or Sunday School classes: Eighth Grade

Time: 45 minutes

Materials: •Bible
•*Surprised by God* DVD

Media: DVD player or computer connected to Movie/Powerpoint Screen.

Objective: By viewing the video, students will learn:

1. Psychological effects of abortion
2. Positive outcomes of adoption
3. Facts about abortion
4. Pregnancy resource centers minister to women contemplating abortions

Bible Verse: Psalm 127:3

Discussion/Activity:

Read Psalm 127:3. Children are a blessing from the Lord!

Did you know that the real name of the woman “Jane Roe” in the court case, *Roe v. Wade*, is Norma McCorvey? Norma McCorvey used a fake name in her court case. Well, Norma was young woman living in Texas who found herself pregnant in the early 1970’s. She became a Christian a few years ago and repented of her sin. Praise God!

Show second portion of *Surprised by God*. This portion of this DVD shows speaker, Stephen Arterburn, addressing a church at the 25th anniversary of the *Roe vs. Wade* ruling. He gives some good statistical facts on abortion and again shares his personal story. He also talks about Norma McCorvey and how she has been transformed into a pro-life advocate. The last part of the video is devoted to a woman who finds herself pregnant and how a pregnancy-counseling center helps her to make the decision not to abort her baby.

Get feedback on videotape from students. Were they surprised to learn that even a boyfriend would be affected this way?

Closing Prayer:

Thank You for the people who have the courage and conviction to be pro-life. We are especially thankful for counseling centers that help women cope with a crisis pregnancy. Please give us the courage to speak out on abortion. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Lesson 9 -- Chastity

For Christian schools or Sunday School classes: Eighth Grade

Time: 45 minutes

Materials:

- Bible
- Modesty Check* Handout
- Real Men – Modesty for Boys and Men* Handout
- What Does the Bible Say about Sex?* Handout
- Chastity Is...* bookmark
- Sex Ed* DVD

Media: DVD player or computer connected to Movie/Powerpoint Screen.

Concepts:

- Chastity is a virtue that is to be desired.
- God wants us to live pure lives, in thought, word, and deed.
- We should not have sex before marriage.
- Students will be exposed to the negative consequences of promiscuity.

Prayers: The Lord's Prayer

Bible Verse: I Timothy 4:12
I Corinthians 5:18, 7:2, 10:8.

Read I Timothy 4:12. We should be examples of being pure, when we're young. God wants us to live pure lives, in thought, word, and deed. As you know, "fornication" is having sex outside of marriage. Here are some verses that show that God does not want us to commit fornication. Read I Corinthians 5:18, 7:2, 10:8. There are many more verses in the Bible that make it clear that God wants us to remain virgins until marriage.

Activity: Show the DVD, *Sex Ed*.

Give each child a bookmark and copy of the handouts. Read through them out loud in class if you have time, and answer any questions the children may have.

Closing Prayer:

Dear Lord, give us the strength to make the right decisions in our teenage years. Please let us seek Your help and guidance as we face making choices between right and wrong. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Lesson 10 -- Social Implications

For Christian schools or Sunday School classes: Eighth Grade

Time: 45 minutes

Materials:

- Bible
- Abortion and the Hard Cases* Handout
- Reasons for Abortion* Handout
- Winning the War of Words* Handout
- Death, Suffering, and Playing God* DVD

Media: DVD player or computer connected to Movie/Powerpoint Screen.

Concept: Euthanasia: Killing of elderly people

Bible Verse: Psalm 71:18
Isaiah 46:4

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Discussion: Read Psalm 71:18 and Isaiah 46:4. God values the life of even the elderly. Define Euthanasia as the killing of elderly people, especially when they're ill and not "useful" anymore.

Pro-abortionists try to soften their goals by using softer, kinder words that reflect supposed concern for women and paint picture of Pro-life groups as being harsh and unconcerned about women. Some examples are: "Pro-Choice" vs. "Pro-Death" and "Euthanasia" vs. "Assisted Killing." We can evaluate the issues more effectively by seeing the controlled use of terms.

Activity: Watch the first half the section "Suicide and Euthanasia" from the DVD *Death, Suffering, and Playing God*.

What can we do as young men and women to reach out to the elderly? Adopt a grandparent in your church or neighborhood and make a commitment to visit weekly, help with a chore, and pray for that person.

How can an elderly person help us? Answer: With their knowledge and wisdom, they teach us about history, how life was in the past, they teach us "how to's" that may be different than how you were taught by your parents. When they die what they know will go with them, but they leave behind the contributions they made and their talents/gifts.

Distribute the handouts and, time permitting, read them aloud in class. Urge the children to take them home and finish reading them.

Closing Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for not forsaking the elderly, even when no one else cares. We pray for all those who are being euthanized around the world. We pray that they would be saved both physically and spiritually. Help us to be kind to elderly folks that we know. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Lesson 11 -- Only God Should Give or Take Life

For Christian schools or Sunday School classes: Eighth Grade

Time: 45 minutes

Materials: •Bible
•*Death, Suffering, and Playing God* DVD

Media: DVD player or computer connected to Movie/Powerpoint Screen.

Concept: Only God can give life and only God should take away life.

Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Bible Verse: Job 1:21

Discussion: Read Job 1:21. Only God can give life and only God has the right to take away life. Explain what assisted suicide is. Talk about how older people are as valuable as anyone else, because they seem unable to help themselves does not make them less human. They deserve same dignity as anyone else.

The most positive proof that God is pro-life is that He sent His Son, Jesus, as a baby to this world. You see, God isn't just pro-physical life, He's pro-spiritual life. He wants each one of us to be able to have eternal life – eternal life is life which lasts forever with God in Heaven.

However, because Heaven is perfect, God can't let us into Heaven because of the bad things we've done. The Bible says in Romans 3:23, "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Isaiah 59:1&2 says, "Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear, but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." Romans 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death." This means the punishment for sin is death.

However, God loves us and wants us to be able to have a relationship with Him and live with Him forever after we die. The rest of that verse says, "For the wages of sin is death, BUT the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." John 3:16 says, "For God so loved the world, that He gave us His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." Romans 5:8, "But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Jesus is God and He is perfect, so He didn't deserve to die. However, He decided to die for us to pay the punishment for our sins, so that if we believe on Him, we can have eternal life! John 17:3 says, "And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee, the only true God, and Jesus Christ,

whom Thou hast sent.” Romans 10:9-10 says, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

We must tell God that we are sorry for our sins and ask Him to forgive us. We must believe that Jesus died to pay the punishment for our sins and give us eternal life through Jesus. Ephesians 2:8-9 says, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.” You see, just as God gave us the free gift of physical life – He offers us the free gift of eternal life – you just have to accept it! If you have not accepted this gift, please pray to God today and ask Him to give you this life.

Activity: Finish watching the “Suicide and Euthanasia” section from the DVD *Death, Suffering, and Playing God*. Answer any questions the children may have.

Closing Prayer:

Dear God, thank You for giving us life. Help us never to come to the point where we want to commit suicide. We recognize that life is a gift from You! Help us to do what we can to stop assisted suicide and euthanasia in our country and around the world. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Lesson 12 -- Value of All Human Life

For Christian schools or Sunday School classes: Eighth Grade

Time: 45 minutes

Materials:

- Bible
- Ban Human Cloning!* Handout
- What Can I do to Help Stop Abortion?* Handout
- You Can Save Someone's Life Today* Handout
- Cloning, Stem Cells, and the Value of Life* DVD

Media: DVD player or computer connected to Movie/Powerpoint Screen.

Concepts:

- We started as humans – from a zygote – and move through stages of life until we're elderly.
- Increase awareness and respect for life at all stages from womb to tomb.
- All human life is valuable and precious.

Prayer: Dear God, give us the strength and courage to take a pro-life stance. Give us the right words to say when speaking with people about abortion. Let us always respond in a spirit of love. Through Jesus our Lord we pray, Amen.

Bible Verse: Galatians 1:15, Deuteronomy 30:19

Discussion: Read Galatians 1:15. God creates each one of us in our mother's womb. He calls us in life and has plans for us that He wants us to follow throughout our life.

We start as humans from the moment of conception – we're super small – only the size of one single cell! We still continue to be humans as we grow through all stages of life until we're elderly and pass away. We must respect all human life from the womb to the tomb.

Do you think that you look the way right now the same way you'll look when you're all grown up? No, of course not! Life is a continuum, we all look different from the way we looked when we were younger and we will all look much different when we are older.

How a person looks at any particular stage of life does not determine how human he or she is. In fact, growing and changing in appearance is a characteristic of being human. Everyone starts as a human and ends as a human. This is why cloning and embryonic stem cell research is wrong. It is wrong to kill an embryo on purpose.

Read Deuteronomy 30:19. This is a great pro-life verse. God wants us to choose life always!

Have the children role-play for a few minutes, as pro-choicers presenting pro-abortion arguments and then pro-lifers with pro-life answers. They should role play the following scenarios and give answers based on the handouts from the last class.

1. Abortion should be available for women who become pregnant after they are raped.
2. "Abortion is not wrong. It is not a child until it is born. It is just a blob of tissue." (Note: Fetus means "young one" in Latin - not "blob of tissue".)
3. "The doctor says that my fetus is most likely handicapped. I can't deal with a handicapped child."

Activity: Watch the DVD *Cloning, Stem Cells, and the Value of Life*. Answer any questions the children might have.

Distribute the handouts and read them out loud in class if you have time. Otherwise, urge the children to take them home and read them on their own.

Closing Prayer:

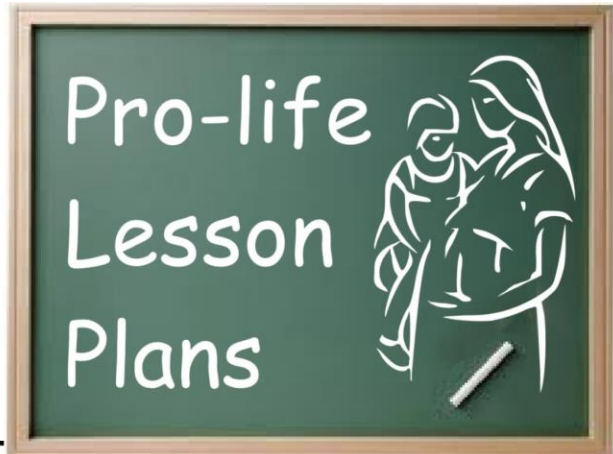
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy;

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.



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- *You Can Save Someone's Life Today* Handout (free at <http://www.priestsforlife.org/brochures/youcan.pdf>)
- *Life after Abortion* DVD (\$19.95)
- *Surprised by God* DVD by Steven Arterburn VisionVideo 1998 (\$14.99)
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APPENDIX

Quiz for Lesson 6

The following quiz is from lovematters.com:

How Much Do You Know About Abortion?

1. Abortion is legal through what month of pregnancy:
a) third b) sixth c) ninth
2. Since abortion was legalized in 1973, how many U.S. babies' lives have been lost?
a) 12 million b) 24 million c) 54 million
3. Abortion is the leading cause of death in the U.S., causing what percent of total deaths?
a) 35 percent b) 46 percent c) 52 percent
4. What age group of women has the greatest number of abortions?
a) 15-19 b) 20-24 c) 25-29
5. Women who abort their first child stand how much greater risk of developing breast cancer:
a) 3x b) 2x c) 4x
6. One out of how many pre-born babies is killed by abortion:
a) two b) three c) four
7. What percent of women who have had abortions experience suicidal tendencies?
a) 45 percent b) 56 percent c) 62 percent