

## **LESSON II: God's Jealous Love for the Preborn and Wrongness of Abortion**

**Aim:** To teach God's love for man and the truth that man is created in the image of God. To introduce the issue of abortion and ways to help babies.

### **Teach Memory Verses -**

Genesis 1:27 *“And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”*

Psalms 127:3 *“Behold children are a gift of the Lord; the fruit of the womb is a reward.”*

Proverbs 24:11-12 *“Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, “But we knew nothing about this,” does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay each person according to what he has done?”*

**Feel:** Protection for the preborn.

**Respond:** Ways to help babies.

**Readiness Activity:** Cut out pictures of babies from magazines for a collage.

**Lesson:** Go over Scriptures. Go over fetal development – give out the handout on fetal development. Give out the handout “The Diary of An Unborn Child”. Several web sites have excellent pictures that can be downloaded of fetal development.

Depending on the maturity of the group, handout the pamphlet “What Every Christian Needs to Know About Abortion.”

### **Supplementary Ideas for the Middle School Student:**

**SUGGESTIONS:** Depending on the maturity of the students, more explicit material can be presented.

DVDs - These DVDs are available from [www.CrusadeForLife.org](http://www.CrusadeForLife.org) at the discount price of \$12.95. Must put on order form/check: Life Loving Kids or a school curriculum order to receive the discount.

**"Your Crisis Pregnancy"** - true stories of four women who face unplanned pregnancies; two decide to keep their babies; two decide for adoption – not graphic

**"Silent Scream"** (several languages) - actual abortion shown by ultrasound imaging.

**"Matter of Choice"** (29 minutes) – a newspaper women explores the facts about abortion – not specifically Christian, some graphic material

<http://www.crusadeforlife.org/crusade%20for%20life%20Order%20Form.pdf>

**HAND-OUTS:** The next two pages can be used as handouts

**Diary of an Unborn Child**  
Written by Michele DuVal Aiello

- March 28:** Today my life began. My parents don't know it yet. I am smaller than the seed of an apple. But already I am I. And unformed as I am right now, I am going to be a girl.
- April 12:** I have grown a little, but I am still too small to do anything by myself, Mother does just about everything for me. And what is so funny is that she does not even know that she is carrying me here, right under her heart.
- April 17:** My mouth is just forming now. Just think, in a year or so I will be laughing. Later I will be able to speak. My first word will be, "Mother." Who says I'm not a person yet? I am, just as the tiniest crumb of bread is still truly bread.
- April 22:** My heart began to beat today. From now on it will gently beat all the rest of my life. Then, after many years, it will tire and stop, and I shall die. But now I am at the beginning - not the ending.
- April 29:** Every day I grow a bit. My arms and legs are beginning to take shape. But, I will have to wait a long time before my legs will carry me running to my mother's arms and before my arms can embrace my daddy.
- May 14:** Now tiny fingers are beginning to form. Strange how small they are, but how wonderful they will be. They will pet a puppy, throw a ball and touch another hand. They may even play a violin or paint a picture one day.
- May 23:** Today the doctor told mother I am living under her heart. They may expect a boy, but I am a little girl, I want to be called Dominique.
- June 3:** My face is completely formed. I hope I look like mother. Soon my eyes will see the sunshine, the flowers, the sea and the mountains.
- June 10:** Mother, I can hear your heart beating. You will have a healthy little daughter. I can hardly wait to touch your face and look into your eyes.

Mother, why did you let them stop my life? We would have been so happy!

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## **FETAL DEVELOPMENT (FACT SHEET)**

- 3-4th week - eyes, spinal cord, brain, lungs, stomach, liver, kidneys, intestines forming

**HEART IS BEATING BETWEEN THE 18th - 25th DAY** - About three weeks after conception.

- 4th week - Head is taking definite shape, arms and legs forming
- 5th week - 1/3 inch long. Eyes have retina and lens, arms and legs have fingers and toes.
- 6 1/2 weeks - Embryo floating in amniotic sac; teeth forming, major muscle system (developed).
- 8 weeks - Eyes open; fingers and toes complete; makes great swimming strokes, brain is complete; can get an E.E.G. reading if necessary.

### **BABY IS CAPABLE OF FEELING PAIN - UNIQUE TOE AND FINGER PRINTS ARE PRESENT**



- 12 weeks - 3 1/2 inches tall. Swallows regularly, vocal chords complete (cries silently). fingernails appear, may start sucking his or her thumb,
- 16 weeks - 5 1/2 inches tall, weighs 6 oz. Eyebrows and lashes appear, grasps with hands, swims, kicks, does somersaults.
- 20 - weeks or earlier - Has a chance of survival as premature infant depending on scientific advancements

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**\*Good prenatal pictures that can be copied.** <http://prolifetraining.com/Prenatal-Pictures.htm> Life Training Institute, PO Box 50918, Colorado Springs, CO 80919 719-264-7861 – [comments@ProLifeTraining.com](mailto:comments@ProLifeTraining.com)

The Miracle of Baby Samuel by Dr. Frank Joseph  
<http://abortiontruths.net/samuel.html>

What your baby looks like this week.

[http://www.babycenter.com/pregnancy-fetal-development-index?s\\_evar2=fetal%2520development&s\\_prop2=fetal%2520development](http://www.babycenter.com/pregnancy-fetal-development-index?s_evar2=fetal%2520development&s_prop2=fetal%2520development)