

Raising Life Loving Kids



PRO-LIFE CURRICULUM for Upper Elementary/Middle School



**SUGGESTIONS FOR THE
CHRISTIAN SCHOOL TEACHER,
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER and
HOMESCHOOLING PARENT**

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Introduction:

The upper elementary and middle school ages have been shown to be one of the most important ages to reach the young student. Often this can be a crucial time to reach teenagers for Christ. Touching their hearts for the unborn baby can last them a lifetime. Here's what one adult whose parents were very active pro-lifers wrote:

“When I was a child, a young friend decided to hide in our garage. She found some pictures of an aborted baby. Many years later, as a high school student, she became pregnant. She told me that she was pressured to abort her son, but after having seen those pictures she could not do it. It is important for children to become pro-life at an early age because earlier opinions determine what new information they later believe or reject.”

Preparation:

Materials can be obtained, sometimes free, from the Supplemental Material listings at the end. Articles, pamphlets, DVDs and books are listed. For Sunday school classes the requirement portion wouldn't pertain but most of the other ideas could be followed - especially the showing of the

DVDs and/or pictures on fetal development, and other materials such as visual aids and the two handouts.

By Chris Aurette Piper, junior high, middle schoolteacher

LESSON I. God Himself Forms A Child In The Womb

Aim:

- Know that God is the creator of life, how a baby is formed and know that life begins at conception.
- Feel awe at God's workmanship and the preciousness of God's care and love for the preborn.
- Respond by defending the preciousness of life and having a foundation laid about the sanctity of life.

Teach Memory Verses – Psalm 139: 13-16, “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place. When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”

Readiness Activity - match baby pictures to students. When did you begin? When did you become different from anyone else in the world, past and present?

Visual Aids: fetal models – “young one”, “Precious Feet” pins, a pamphlet or pictures on fetal development - even one baby model at 3 months can make a difference – such a model saved a baby when passed around at a youth group and a pregnant teenager held it.



*The “young one” is perfect for all ages especially preschool and elementary.

http://www.heritagehouse76.com/pro_life_products_details.asp?prod_id=4534&display_grouping_id=&group_id=6&page=1&site_id=&look=1



*The “precious feet” are perfect for ALL ages.

http://www.heritagehouse76.com/pro_life_search_results.asp?search_in=1000&page=1&search_for=precious+feet

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Lesson - Based on Psalm 139:13-16

1. Define: conception - sperm and egg - x, y and DNA – depending on the maturity of the group.
2. Teach fetal development to birthday. Hand out the fetal development sheet. (See below for the handout sheet. Also several web sites have good fetal development in colored pictures that you can make copies of such as <http://prolifetraining.com/Prenatal-Pictures.htm>)
3. God's gift of Jesus before we were born.

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.”

Psalm 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 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-OUT: [Diary of an Unborn Child - PDF printable version](#)

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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!

[HANDOUT OF FETAL DEVELOPMENT - PDF printable version](#)

**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

*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

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

LESSON III. When Things Go Wrong

Aim: To teach God's love and compassion for the weaker person.

Feel: Compassion and concern for those weaker and that life is sacred no matter what.

Respond: Care for others.

Scriptures: Bear one another's burdens and thus fulfill the law of Christ.

Readiness Activity: Blindfold each other and lead each other.

Lesson: Have students present a story about a person with a handicap they know or read about such as Joni Eareckson Tada. Joni Eareckson Tada has some excellent materials.

http://www.joniandfriends.org/store_product.php?product_id=1173 *Joni's Story for Kids For use with Camp Lean-on-the-Lord or On A Roll for Jesus. This brochure describes Joni's life story, her special talents, and her ministry in language kids can understand. Brochures - 25 per package – for \$3
Excellent information on living with a disability: <http://www.joniandfriends.org/faq.php>

Possibly have a person with a handicap visit the classroom and explain the difficulties they overcome everyday that others never think about but they are glad to be alive.

ALSO SEE: Sample lesson below for middle school and up.

If this is a classroom project, these requirements could be part of the conclusion to the lessons: (Do Four.)

1. Memorize Psalm 139 - write it out and design a border for it.

2. Make a fetal development book charting development at every stage.
3. Make a poster against abortion, also make a slogan.
4. Report on a person with a handicap you know or read about.
5. Define: conception, placenta, sperm, egg, premature, umbilical cord, womb, chromosome, embryo, abortion and pregnancy etc.
6. List ways to help persons with handicaps - show you love them by doing something.

Additional sample lesson for the more mature from homeschooler and mother of 6 (one is autistic).

Author: Kathy Lowers

Lesson name: Loving the Weak - Levels: middle school, high school

Objectives: To inform older children about the history of euthanasia , to make them aware of how it targets the elderly and handicapped, to unmask deceptive vocabulary used by the euthanasia movement, to give children the biblical mandate for taking care of the weak, and to foster a love of seniors and those with disabilities.

Memory verse: "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:39

Materials: Short article on the history of euthanasia in Germany:
<http://www.pregnantpause.org/euth/nazieuth.htm>

Short article on the Terri Schiavo case: http://www.terrifight.org/pages.php?page_id=32
 and Matthew 25: 31-46

Procedure:

1. Ask the students to define “euthanasia” and discuss which states in the US and which countries have legalized it.
 2. Read together the article on the history of euthanasia in Germany and the article on the killing of Terri Schiavo.
 3. Go over deceptive euphemisms for killing the old and handicapped (e.g.
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mercy killing, right-to-die, etc.)

4. Go over the passage in Matthew 25:31-46 where Jesus talks about the different reactions from the “sheep” and the “goats” towards the weak.
5. Discuss how euthanasia is in direct conflict with what the Bible teaches about how we are to treat “the least of these”.

Action and Follow Up:

1. Have each student put their faith into action this week by assisting an elderly or handicapped family member with chores or by having the class or your family visit residents in a nursing home.
2. Have each student write about their experience helping the weak in this way or to give a verbal report to the class.

Supplemental material for the teacher, parent and student during the upper elementary and middle school grades. * Highly recommended. Noted when possibly free.

The Miracle of Baby Samuel by Dr. Frank Joseph

<http://abortiontruths.net/samuel.html>

<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0895262932/regnerypublishin> Regnery Publishing, Inc., 422 First St, SE, Washington, DC 20003 regnery.com - Facts Not Fear, A Parent's Guide to Teaching Children About the Environment by Michael Sanera and Jane S. Shaw

http://www.ampartnership.org/about_us/about_us.asp Abstinence & Marriage Education Partnership AandMpartnership.org – 9810 Capitol, Wheeling, IL 60090 847-537-3417 - providing Project Reality materials. (Teenagers) abstinence material with workbooks including Game Plan, Navigator. Also a Christian version with scriptures.

What your baby looks like this week.

http://www.babycenter.com/pregnancy-fetal-development-index?s_evar2=fetal%2520development&s_prop2=fetal%2520development

<http://babystepsdvd.com/> * DVD called Baby Steps Help others see the miracle of life develop throughout a baby's 16 stages of growth – for all ages. <http://www.all.org> American Life League P.O. Box 1350, Stafford, VA 22555 540-659-4171 (possibly free)

[http://www.bakerpublishinggroup.com/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=0477683E4046471488BD7BAC8DCFB004 &nm=&type=PubCom&mod=PubComProductCatalog&mid=BF1316AF9E334B7BA1C33CB61CF48A4E&tier=2&TierId=40C5E8F1E30F4B7E89D3C7D76AC57D17](http://www.bakerpublishinggroup.com/ME2/dirmod.asp?sid=0477683E4046471488BD7BAC8DCFB004&nm=&type=PubCom&mod=PubComProductCatalog&mid=BF1316AF9E334B7BA1C33CB61CF48A4E&tier=2&TierId=40C5E8F1E30F4B7E89D3C7D76AC57D17)

books for children on America with activities. webmaster@bpg.com prolifeforum.org - Bethany Productions, 901 Eastern Ave, N.E., Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616/459-6273 fax 616/459-0343 A long list of pro-life materials.

<http://www.christianbook.com> - Books for a church Pro-Life Library –

junior high school and up: Has excellent resources pertaining to life such as these true life stories: *The Hiding Place by Corrie Ten Boom, about living in Holland at the time of the Nazis and surviving in a concentration camp; Angel Unaware by Dale Evans Rogers, about having a special needs child; * Joni by Joni Eareckson Tada, a true story about a young girl paralyzed in a swimming accident. Joni has written several books, some for younger children.

For parents: * Honey for A Child's Heart by Gladys Hunt gives imaginative use of books in family life, with both secular and Christian titles for children of all ages including teenagers. For the Families Sake, For the Children's Sake by Susan Schaeffer Macauley and for young teenage girls * Let's Talk by Danae Dobson. services@christianbook.com

<http://www.cph.org/c-240-childrens-books.aspx?REName=Shop%20by%20Category>

*Arch books are perfect for young children. Concordia Publishing, Official publisher of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. 3558 South Jefferson St. Louis, MO 63118 314.268.1000 | Toll-Free: 800.325.3040

<http://www.cph.org/searchnew.aspx?SearchTerm=sex+education> Concordia Pub. House

*A Sex Education Series for Christian families. From preschoolers to adults, the updated and revised Learning About Sex series makes the awesome gift of sexuality understandable to all. Age-appropriate language and graphics throughout the six books help the reader recognize gender differences as one of God's great gifts designed as part of His creation plan.

EPM probably has more articles from a Christian viewpoint than almost any other web site

Go to index: <http://www.epm.org/resources/articles/article-index.htm#Sexual%20Purity>

<http://www.focusonthefamily.com/> Focus on the Family P.O. Box 35500, Colorado Springs, CO 80935-3550 1-800-A-FAMILY (232-6459)

*A teenage version of Truth Project - TrueU <https://www.mytruthproject.org/TrueUFAQ.aspx>
<http://www.heartlink.org/PDF/firstninemonths.pdf> Beautiful fetal development brochure for all ages especially upper elementary and older. Pregnancy Resource Center <http://www.heartlink.org/>

1-800-395-HELP

Focus has partnered for materials with <http://www.christianbook.com>
service@christianbook.com (See above under Christianbook.com.)

*The “young one” is perfect for all ages.

[http://www.heritagehouse76.com/pro_life_products_details.asp?prod_id=4534& display_grouping_id=&group_id=6&page=1&site_id=&look=1](http://www.heritagehouse76.com/pro_life_products_details.asp?prod_id=4534&display_grouping_id=&group_id=6&page=1&site_id=&look=1)

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<http://www.hdrc.org/products.aspx> Human Development Resource Council, Inc. hdrc.org - 5415 Sugarloaf Parkway, Suite 2201, Lawrenceville, GA 30043 770-513-0060 fax770-513-0057, Exploring Life Inside the Womb for elementary school children. Material for teenagers on sex.

<http://www.humanlife.org/index.php> Human Life Alliance humanlife.org 2855 Anthony Land S., Suite B7, Minneapolis, MN 55418 651-484-1040 Educational organization, producing and distributing pro-life literature especially for young people. "Life Begins" for grade school.
feedback@humanlife.org

<http://www.ignatius.com/index.aspx> Love and Life by Coleen Kelly Mast - an abstinence program for teenagers.(Catholic) Ignatius Press ignatius.com 15 Oakland Ave, Harrison, NY 10528 -1-800-

651-1531 - leading on line Catholic book store webhelp@ignatius.com

<http://lifecyclebooks.com> Life Cycle Books PO Box 1008, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 800-214-5849 fax888-690-8532 excellent material on all aspects of pro-life including abstinence, euthanasia and health. orders@lifecyclebooks.com
http://lifecyclebooks.com/usa/product_details.asp?PRODUCT_ID=319

* [“What Every Christian Needs to Know About Abortion”](#)

NEW! Our all-new 12-page full color booklet was created to awaken Christians to the true nature and spiritual consequences of abortion. It describes and illustrates abortion, summarizes prenatal development, presents the biblical perspective and lists practical actions Christians should take to end abortion. Written by Dr. Donald Smith, the creative force behind “The Silent Scream” (the most powerful pro-life movie ever created), this booklet has been called "the best of its kind that I have ever seen." the late Fr. Paul Marx, OSB, Ph.D. NOTE: This might be the material to introduce the student to the realities of abortion and what it does to the baby.

<http://www.lifeissues.org/windows.html> *Great pictures of fetal development for all ages "Windows to the Womb".

http://lutheransforlife.org/Teaching_For_Life.htm <http://lutheransforlife.org> Lutherans for Life [Witnessing to the Sanctity of Human Life, Through Education, Based on the Word of God](#) - 1120 South G Ave, Nevada, Iowa 50201 888-364-LIFE One of the best selections of materials for all ages covering fetal development, abstinence, abortion and other related life issues.

http://lutheransforlife.org/Teaching_For_Life.htm *"Teaching for Life" – lesson plans K-8th grades. info@lutheransforlife.org [http://lutheransforlife.org/Catalog/bioethics_\(C\).htm](http://lutheransforlife.org/Catalog/bioethics_(C).htm) Bible Studies on *"The Sanctity of Human Life" and *"Playing God" – bioethical issues such as cloning. Some of the material is free to download.

<http://www.nace-cee.org/ceebookstore.htm> National Association of Christian Educators, P.O. Box 3200, Costa Mesa, CA 92628 - Escape From Sugarloaf Mine by Ruth Buehrer - a children's book to neutralize the dangers of humanism

* Choosing Your Child's Future/A Workbook For Parents - helping parents decide between Christian, home or Public schools for their child's education. Exclusively from CEE, by Dr. Bob Simonds & Kathi Hudson.

<http://prolifetraining.com/Prenatal-Pictures.htm> Life Training Institute <http://ProLifeTraining.com> - PO Box 50918, Colorado Springs, CO 80919 719-264-7861 - special material for your pastor –

*good prenatal pictures for elementary and abortion pictures with excellent pro-life arguments for older youth. Free to make copies of. comments@ProLifeTraining.com

www.wallbuilders.com/store/product230.html Wall Builders, Inc. wallbuilders.com - P.O. Box 397, Aledo, TX 76008 phone: 1-800-873-2845 - *Drivethruhistoryamerica - great for high school including homeschooling families plus other American history materials such as: America's Godly Heritage and many other books by David Barton. info@wallbuilders.com

<http://www.zondervan.com/Cultures/enUS/Search/Search.htm?SearchValue=Honey+for+a+Child's+Heart&SearchContent=Products&SearchMode=Simple&QueryStringSite=Zondervan> Zondervan Publishers - * Honey For A Child's Heart by Gladys Hunt, imaginative use of books in family life, secular and Christian titles for children of all ages. Read for Your Life Turning Teens into Readers Includes an Exclusive List of over 300 Recommended Books! By: [Gladys Hunt](#), [Barbara Hampton](#)

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