

SANCTITY OF LIFE CURRICULUM  
**WE ARE MADE IN HIS IMAGE**

GRADE 1 - WEEK 2  
TAKE HOME

Dear Parents,

This week we read Genesis 1:26 and learned that God made man in His own image. Even though He made man out of the “dust of the earth,” man is created to live eternally with God in Heaven and to know Him and love Him. God breathes His spirit into every person He creates. This is what it means to be made in the image of God. Then we again explored the wonderful way in which we have been created by God, this time using beautiful fetal models to study the stages of life before birth. The students had the opportunity to hold the tiny baby models, and marvel over the wonderful way in which God creates every human life. We talked about how much God loves each person He creates, and how He gives each one a heart and a desire to know Him and love Him too. This is why each person is so precious, and each life deserves our special care.

Even though everyone has been made in the image of God, each person is uniquely different; each one has his or her own special gifts and interests. Each one looks different from any other; even our fingerprints are unique from any others. We reinforced this wonderful truth with our class activity. Last week we sat for a class photo, and this week each student created a frame for their own copy of that class photo. Each student’s name is on the frame and each frame was then covered with the unique fingerprints of each student in the class.

Please take some time to use the enclosed “Early Human Life” card to talk about some of those early stages of life with your child. Then use the following questions to help your child record some of their thoughts about the gift of life. Please return your work to class next week.

**WHAT ARE SOME OF THE SPECIAL GIFTS THAT GOD HAS GIVEN TO YOU?** (i.e. I can run fast, or read well, but help them to see that even some things they may not think of as gifts are really God’s way of helping them to grow stronger- as for instance, a sickness or handicap may help them to be more caring of others, or more patient.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHAT SPECIAL GIFTS HAS GOD GIVEN TO MY CLASSMATES?** (Help them to see that even though there are differences between them and their classmates, these differences are gifts from God, and not something to be mocked or ridiculed.) \_\_\_\_\_

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**WHAT SPECIAL GIFTS HAS GOD GIVEN TO YOUR BROTHERS OR SISTERS?**

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**WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD?** \_\_\_\_\_

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**BECAUSE EACH PERSON IS MADE IN THE IMAGE OF GOD, WHAT KINDS OF THINGS CAN WE DO TO SHOW THEM THAT WE LOVE THEM?**

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**Create a special bookmark with the words Celebrate Life on it out of construction paper. Decorate it with stickers, crayons...be creative!**

**In closing, take time to pray the prayer of praise on the bookmark, “Celebrate Life”, then put it in a special place where you will be reminded to pray it together often. Be prepared to remind your child of the ways in which they decided to show love to others.**