

SANCTITY OF LIFE CURRICULUM

GOD PREPARES US

GRADE 2 - WEEK 1

Take Home

Dear Parents,

This week our lesson emphasized not only the uniqueness of each person, but also the uniqueness **of purpose** of every person. We talked about how God loves us and has a special plan for each of us. We live that plan each day by knowing, loving and serving Him. We discussed Ephesians 2:10 in order to understand that God has prepared us to carry out His perfect plan for our lives. The examples of Moses and Mary were used to help the children understand how God has certain tasks for each of us, that only we can fulfill in the way the Lord desires. The students were able to share some of the characteristics, talents, and abilities that God has given them, and how they can use those to love and serve Him.

***"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do."
Ephesians 2:10***

The class also had the wonderful opportunity to see and hold the models of unborn babies. In the discussion, we talked about how God's perfect plan started even before we were born, while we were growing inside our moms. Jeremiah 1:5 says, *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart..."* While looking at the models, the children learned about the unborn child's magnificent journey toward birth. They were amazed to find out that they were once as small as the tip of their pencil! God's perfect plan was illustrated as they realized that the heartbeat they feel now started when they were tiny unborn babies only 18 days old.

Please use the flyer of the 8-week baby to allow your child to tell you some of the things they learned today. You may want to tell them some of the things that they did while they were growing (kept you up at night, kicked you as soon as you sat down to eat, sucked their thumb on the ultrasound, etc). Children are always excited to learn that they had a life before their "birthday" and that even then God was preparing them for His perfect plan.

For next week please help your child fill in the enclosed family tree. Put the names in the boxes and add one special thing that that person is or does--one thing that is part of God's plan. For example: Grandma always smiles at everyone, or Grandpa takes me to the park, or Mom visits a sick neighbor, etc. **We will use this next week** to review each person's unique purpose, and also to see how God's perfect plan includes a person's heritage--they are here because their parents and grandparents followed God's plan for their families. This may also be a good opportunity to look up the heritage of Jesus in Matthew 1:1-17.

(Special Note: Next week's lesson will concentrate on how sometimes God's plan revolves around what a person cannot do. The students will realize that God loves us not because of what we can do, but simply because we are made in His image. Please try to foster this in your child during this homework assignment as well.)

**God prepared a family for me as part of
His perfect plan!**