

Tennessee Right to Life
Sanctity of Life Curriculum

Teach Us to Number Our Days Aright

Grade 4 - Week 1
Take Home

Dear Parents,

This week we studied the stages of life, from the single cell to the senior adult stage. We talked about the precious gift of Life and how each life is important to God's plan, no matter how long or short that life may be. We talked about the people we remember who have died, and we learned the special term, "miscarriage." Then we observed that each person makes many contributions in the course of his/her life; contributions no one else can make. We looked at an obituary in class and talked about all the things that one person contributed to others during their long life, but we also read a story about Baby Hope and her many contributions despite her very short and limited life. We've included a copy of Baby Hope's story. Please take time to ask your child what she/ he remembers about Baby Hope. Then we would like you to think about the contributions your child has already made to your life-especially the qualities of his/her character and personality that are special to you, not so much what they do for you, but what they are, i.e. kind, helpful, honest, etc. Please take time to tell your child what those things are, and write them down for him/ her to share in class next week. **Try to stress that though our contributions are important, our lives are precious to God simply because He created us in His image and not because of anything we do.**

What are some of the contributions that your child has already made to your life? (Focus on what he/she is, more than on what they do.)

Now we ask you to spend some time with your child looking over an obituary together. It would be great if it could be the obituary of a beloved ancestor, but any obituary will do. Using the questions below, help your child to focus on the special contributions of that one life. Help them to recognize that this one life was important to God, and to many others. The work they did could only have been done by them, just as God has special work for each of us do in our lives.

Someone precious to God: _____

Birthday _____ Day of their death _____

Where were they born? _____

Who were their parents? _____

Did they have brothers and sisters? How many? _____

Where did they go to school? _____

Some contributions of their life:

Who did they marry? _____

When did they get married? _____

How many children did they have? _____ Grandchildren? _____

Where did they worship God? _____