

Sanctity of Life Curriculum
WE ARE HIS WORKMANSHIP

Grade 5 - Week 1
Take Home

Dear Parents,

Each person is a unique and unrepeatable gift from God. Psalm 139 tells us that He “knit” each of us together in our mother’s womb. Each life is precious to Him, and He calls us to value and protect life. This week we studied the Scriptures which show us how God values and protects life. (For your information we have included “What Does God Say About Abortion;” please take time to read it and share it with others.) Through the use of beautiful fetal models, we were able to marvel at how “wonderfully” each life has been knit together in the womb. We saw the development of the child from a single cell through all the stages of prenatal development, using the correct medical terms for each stage of development. We saw the remarkable resemblance of the child in the months before birth to the newborn baby. Then we introduced the definition of abortion as the intentional killing of a child before birth. Students learned that abortion violates the laws of God, just as murder does, and that it is legal in our country, throughout all the stages of life, right up until the day of birth.

This week we would encourage you to talk with your child about the wonder of life before birth, by sharing with them some of your memories of their life before they were born. Please refer to the enclosed sheet outlining the wondrous stages of development and let your student share some of the things they learned about the baby’s abilities at each stage. Then use the following questions to help you share your memories with them. Please be sure to send this work back to class next week.

When you were an embryo (up through eight weeks), we remember (i.e. Learning about the pregnancy, wondering about how they would look, whether they would be a boy or a girl)

When you were a fetus (from nine to 40 weeks), we remember (i.e. the first time you kicked, the first time we heard your heartbeat, the first time we saw you on an ultrasound)

If your child was adopted, perhaps you could share some of the memories you had while you waited for them to be born, when you first learned about them etc.

On the day you were born, we remember

OUR MEMORY VERSE:

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:10 (NASB)