

Spiritual Adoption Program for School Children

The purpose of this program is twofold:

- (1) To help inform and educate children at an early age about the dignity and sacredness of all human life from conception to natural death.**
- (2) To save the life of an unborn baby and the grief of their parents, and to ask God to give the parents everything they need to bring their baby to birth and fulfill the plan he has for their child's life.**

- ✚ For younger children the baby can “send a thank-you note” back to the classroom each month. There are plain ones for copying on printed or colorful paper (you can add stickers) and also notes that are in color. The teacher can read the note aloud before posting it on the bulletin board. There is no mention of abortion with younger children
 - ✚ The beautiful Little One posters should be displayed one at a time, and changed each month to show the development of the babies. The posters are appropriate for all ages. They can be read aloud to the class.
 - ✚ One school provided construction paper hearts for the students who then named their spiritually adopted babies, wrote the names on the hearts and displayed them around the poster. Giving each baby a name is strongly encouraged because it helps make it clear that the students are really praying for specific babies; not that they are likely to meet their spiritually adopted babies, but God knows who they are. Here is a true story of someone who actually met her spiritually adopted baby. This could be read to the class.
 - ✚ The posters could also be displayed in the cafeteria, adding a new poster as the program progresses so that by the end of the year all the students can see and read the entire development process. The time frame can be condensed as necessary. Students may announce the new month, reading the development of the baby during the morning announcements to the whole school, inviting them to see the posters in the cafeteria.
 - ✚ Students can each make a beaded bracelet with their baby's name on it. Materials can be purchased at any craft store. This is a fun project and reminds them to pray for their babies.
 - ✚ At the end of the program a “birthday” celebration can be held commemorating the births of all the spiritually adopted babies. Students can bring in baby items which are then taken to a local pregnancy center or shelter to help mothers in need. As an alternative, students can conduct a “baby bottle campaign”, filling baby bottles with change which is then donated to a pregnancy center or shelter.
 - ✚ Prayer cards for the program should be age-appropriate. Cards that can be downloaded from this site are: cards for young children; cards for grades 5-8 (Holy Family image); cards for grades 5-8 (Guadalupe); cards for high school age and up: Jesus card; Guadalupe card. For adults and teens you may also order cards from www.SpiritualAdoption.org.
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