



Choose the Child, LLC

Thank you for your interest in the Monthly Activities we are offering for you to use in your home or classroom.

Each month, we will provide a free activity focusing on a USCCB Respect Life topic. Each activity is part of the monthly lesson created by Choose the Child.

Our Footprints for Life Program is a comprehensive supplement that educates children on ALL life issues and how they can make a difference.

For more information on our complete program, please visit <http://www.choosethechild.com/footprints-for-life-and-more.php>

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Empowering & Educating Children to Change the Culture

A Culture of Life Program

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November: Operation Adoption
National Adoption Awareness Month

Adoption is the best choice for an unplanned pregnancy when the parents can't raise the baby themselves.

Materials

All Ages - Baby in a Bubble: organza or zip-type bags from a local craft store, a picture of an unborn baby for each student (from the internet)

Lesson Plan Opening Prayer

Dear Lord, only You know what thoughts a mother has when faced with an unplanned pregnancy. May the Holy Spirit comfort her and bring her to those who will show compassion and love. Give strength to those who are waiting to adopt and to those are choosing to place their child for adoption. For those who have chosen other options, help them find forgiveness in Your mercy. Help us to love them and not judge them. We ask this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Discussion Prompt

Some mothers may have feelings of fear when they learn they are pregnant with child. Some moms are scared to raise a baby for different reasons. They may think that they won't be able to care for their child. They may feel that they don't have the finances to provide for their baby. We need to pray that these women can find hope in God and His plan for them and their unborn baby.

When a mom is pregnant with her baby, we know that God planned that baby and has a purpose for him or her. Adoption is the best choice for the parents and their unborn baby when the parents decide not to raise the child. With adoption, a woman gives her baby life and finds a loving home for her child. A mother's love is very unselfish, and women have a natural instinct to care for and protect their babies. It is not easy to give up a child for adoption, but it brings peace to know that adoptive parents love her child. Adoption brings great joy to couples who can't bear children on their own. To be able to adopt a child is a HUGE gift to many families. For newborn babies in the USA, the wait to adopt varies, but could take years!

Jesus was adopted by his father on earth, St. Joseph.

Discussion Questions and Ideas

- Who has a pet? Most of us adopted our pets from a shelter or a friend. Although our pets are adopted, we love them very much.
- What are some things we do for our pets? Why? Adopting a pet is similar to adopting a child, but adopting a child is a lot more special because the parents are adopting a baby that was created in the image and likeness of God.
- How many of you know someone who has been adopted? Can you imagine the world without that person being a part of it? We are so thankful that a family adopted him or her to give them a life of hope.

- Do you think it would be easy for a mom to place her baby for adoption? Why or Why not?
- Discuss the importance of Joseph, Jesus' foster father.

Activities

All Grades: Baby in a Bubble

- The student will color and cut out their own little baby. This baby represents the baby they are praying for in the Spiritual Adoption. (if your children have not spiritually adopted a baby, you can still discuss the importance of praying for unborn babies) Once the baby is colored, have the student place it in the bag representing the womb.
- Baby in a Bubble Discussion Prompt: Just as children are adopted, we have spiritually adopted babies at the beginning of the school year. Each of us is that child's "spiritually adopted parent." We are called to pray daily for their protection. The baby is in a special bag (bubble) so that he or she will be protected while we are praying for him or her. The bag (bubble) represents the womb of the mother. Share how this correlates with an unborn baby inside his mother's womb. Just like a baby who is adopted, we have a responsibility to pray for our baby daily and the baby's parents.

Lesson Plan Closing Prayer

Glory Be

Spiritual Works of Mercy

Novena for November

Dear Jesus, please help all mothers and fathers who have a baby soon to be born. Many of them are scared for many reasons. May they know that You care for them and their babies and that You will help them through any troubles they have. Please help those mothers who feel that the most loving thing for their babies is to place them with parents who will adopt their babies. Also, help those families who adopt these precious babies. May these new families know Your love, and may these babies grow in Your love always. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Corporal Works of Mercy

Blessing Bags Idea: Adoption Services - Spiritual Bouquet (a template for Spiritual Bouquet cards is included), rosaries, prayer cards, travel-sized toiletries, journals, baby socks, onesies, blankets

Contacts:

- The Respect Life Office near your school or parish to see what needs they have
- The adoption agency near your school or parish to see what needs they have

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Spiritual Bouquet

A Gift of Prayer

I am praying for you today. I have said
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Please know that you and your family
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