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

Each month, we will provide a FREE Lesson focusing on a USCCB Respect Life topic.

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

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Empowering & Educating Children to Change the Culture

A Culture of Life Program

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December: A Mother's "Yes," A Child Blessed

The Annunciation – "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord" Luke 1:38
Christmas is the "Perfect Pro-Life Story!" Mary said "Yes!" to life – this is why we have Christmas. We celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Materials:

All Grades – Bookmarks for New Moms(with unplanned pregnancies): a bookmark for each student (Appendix A)

Discussion Prompt

Share the Nativity story from Luke 1:26-38:

"In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. And coming to her, he said, 'Hail, favored one! The Lord is with you.' But she was greatly troubled at what was said and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. Then the angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' But Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I have no relations with a man?' And the angel said to her in reply, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren; for nothing will be impossible for God.' Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her."

Discussion and Questions Ideas

- God chose to come into the world as a tiny baby in a stable. Point out the highlights of the story that support LIFE – Mary was young and unmarried, poor, scared, etc.
- Why did Mary say "Yes" to the Angel Gabriel? How do you think Mary felt at that time? Why do you think she felt that way?
- How do you think some women feel when they find out they are pregnant?
- Discuss how the mothers and fathers may feel excitement and joy, but that some are nervous or scared. They may feel that they don't have the ability, money, or resources to take care of their babies. This is why we pray for these parents and give them our support.
- All of us are called to do God's will. It is important that we pray about His will for our lives and be prepared to say "Yes!"
- What are some other things that God has created? Why is life more valuable?
- Read and discuss Jeremiah 29:11

Activities

All Grades: Bookmarks

The students will create bookmarks for new moms who experience unplanned pregnancies and choose life. Have the students draw the word "Mom" on the bookmark and decorate the bookmark. They may write an inspirational message on the back. Students can use their Bibles to find appropriate scriptures. The bookmarks can be given to a pregnancy

center in your community for a mom who chose life for her child. They can also be included with the suggested items in the Corporal Work of Mercy for this month.

Additional Activity

Plan a birthday party for Jesus. It doesn't have to be an actual party, but it can be the class Christmas party. The idea is to have the students think about and plan as if they were hosting a large celebration of Jesus' birth.

Lesson Plan Closing Prayer

Glory Be

Spiritual Works of Mercy & Corporal Works of Mercy

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