

TALKING WITH YOUR KIDS ABOUT SANCTITY OF LIFE

This morning Pastor Ryan spoke about the value of human life. There may be some concepts or terms that bring up questions from your children. Use the following three points to guide your conversation on this important topic.

ASK “WHAT HAVE YOU HEARD?”

As much as we want to shield our kids, they hear about tough topics at school, on the playground, at a friend’s house, and even at church. We never want to prematurely expose our kids to tough topics, but unfortunately sometimes the world does that for us. Because this information is coming from their peers, there’s a good chance they have been misinformed. When your child brings up a tough topic or a hard question, ask what they already know. This gives you a chance to gently correct any confusion they may have.

KEEP THEIR AGE AND MATURITY LEVEL IN MIND.

When talking about the sanctity of life, the best place to start is with Scripture that talks about God’s view of human life, such as Genesis 1:27 and Psalm 139:13-16. With younger kids, emphasize that God believes all human life is important because we are all created by God. That means He asks us to be kind to all. God says every person has value and we agree.

Older or more mature kids can handle more details. You can talk about how God says that every person is important, but not everyone agrees. Some people believe that we become human when we are born. But God makes it clear that He creates us and values us from the very start of life. Another word for the start of life is “conception”. Conception is the moment when a baby starts growing in their mother and Psalm 139:11 says this is when life begins.

If you feel that your child is ready to hear more details about the concept of abortion. You may explain that abortion is a procedure that is legal in our country. Abortion means that an adult makes a choice to not allow a pre-born baby to live.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

Once a child understands that there is an injustice in the world, they are often the quickest to fight for fairness! Help your child focus these feelings into wise actions.

Remind them that as Christians, we believe that every life is important. That means we still show love and kindness to the adult who made the choice. Being pro-life means seeing value and purpose in every single life. This includes the unborn baby, the oldest person on the planet, and everyone in between. It also means that we encourage others to understand God’s view of human life.

We can fight to protect life by encouraging our lawmakers to make life-honoring decisions. We can pray for moms, dads, and babies. We can encourage and support families who are adopting or fostering children. We can help the Pregnancy Help Center by fundraising or donating diapers and wipes. We can celebrate life and show kindness to all, even if someone is different from us.

A PRO-LIFE DECLARATION for KIDS

FOR ALMOST 50 YEARS,

ABORTION HAS BEEN LEGAL IN THE UNITED STATES.

DURING THAT TIME, APPROXIMATELY 60 MILLION PRE-BORN BABIES HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN THE CHANCE FOR LIFE. RECENTLY, SOME STATES HAVE MADE CHANGES TO THEIR LAWS THAT WILL ALLOW BABIES TO BE ABORTED JUST BEFORE THEY ARE BORN. IN LIGHT OF THESE TRAGIC DECISIONS, IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER WHAT WE, AS CHRISTIANS, BELIEVE.

WE BELIEVE

BABIES INSIDE THEIR MOTHERS ARE PEOPLE CREATED BY GOD. JUST LIKE THE REST OF US, THEIR LIVES ARE SACRED AND VALUABLE.

THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT IS BUILT ON THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE, WHICH SAYS EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO "LIFE, LIBERTY, AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS." WE BELIEVE THAT RIGHT EXTENDS TO PRE-BORN BABIES.

LIFE IN THE WOMB IS "FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE." EVERY PERSON HAS UNIQUE DNA EVEN BEFORE THEY ARE BORN. SCRIPTURE AND SCIENCE BOTH AGREE ON THIS.

ABORTION IS WRONG AND WE NEED TO STAND AGAINST IT.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

OUR FAMILIES CAN ENCOURAGE LAWMAKERS TO MAKE DECISIONS TO PROTECT LIFE. WE CAN ENCOURAGE FAMILIES TO ADOPT CHILDREN. AND WE CAN PRAY FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED.

WE CAN CELEBRATE LIFE AS A FAMILY BY DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THOSE WHO MAY BE DIFFERENT AND LEARNING ABOUT DISABILITIES. THEN WE CAN DISCOVER WHAT WE ALL HAVE IN COMMON AND HOW GOD HAS A PLAN AND PURPOSE FOR EVERYONE.

WE CAN SUPPORT OUR LOCAL PREGNANCY CENTER BY HELPING WITH FUNDRAISING, MAKING BABY BLANKETS, DROPPING OFF DIAPERS OR ANYTHING THAT IT NEEDS.

AS CHRISTIANS, IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO STAND UP FOR PEOPLE WHO CAN'T SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES—AND THAT INCLUDES BABIES. IF WE WORK TOGETHER, WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Family Name
