

Girls Only

Pro-Life vs.
Pro-Choice

Additional Project Ideas

Invite a guest. Invite a new mom (and dad) to come visit your club and bring her their new baby. Ask the mom to talk about the different stages she went through during her pregnancy, the birth of her baby (not in great detail), and the different developmental stages the baby is going through. Ask her to talk about how she felt when she met her baby for the first time. The girls will be excited to have a baby in the clubroom and may want to take turns holding the baby, so you might want to remind the girls of some basic child care skills.

Give a shower. Help your girls organize a shower for a local crisis pregnancy center. Set a date to collect diapers, baby wipes, clothes, shampoo, and other baby supplies from your church members and take the girls to donate the supplies to the center.

Take a visit. Set up a visit to the maternity floor of a local hospital. Make arrangements for the girls to see newborn babies and tour the facility.

Adopt a new way of thinking. Invite a set of adoptive parents in to talk to your girls about the process of adopting and why they decided to adopt. Ask them to share about their feelings when they first met their new child and how the child has become part of their family. If the child has been adopted from another country, ask the parents to talk about that country.

Invite the family. Invite parents with children of different ages to come in and talk with the girls. Have the parents describe a typical day, favorite activities for children, big events in their lives right now, and differences from child to child in personality and development. Encourage the girls to ask questions.

Ask around. Have your girls interview their parents about their birth. Encourage them to ask about the time leading up to the time of arrival, how parents felt, and how their birth was different from their siblings. (Be sensitive to girls who have a difficult home life. Provide an alternate activity if some girls will not be able to talk with parents or other family members about their childhood.)

Talk to the experts. Invite someone from your local pregnancy care center in to talk to your girls about the function of the center, why it's important, and who it touches. Make sure the speaker is aware of the age-range and maturity level of your girls.

Resource Ideas

- *Dorie, The Girl Nobody Loved* by Doris Van Stone, Moody, 1981.
- *A Solitary Sorrow: Finding Healing and Wholeness After Abortion* by Teri Reiser, Random House, 2000.
- *A Season to Heal: Help and Hope for Those Working Through Post-Abortion Stress* by Luci Freed and Penny Salazar, Cumberland House, 1996

Additional Discussion Questions

Discovery #1

- What does it mean when we say "life is sacred"? What does it mean that your life is sacred?
- Does all life have worth?
- When does life begin? Why is it important to understand when life begins?

Discovery #2

- Do you believe life is sacred?
- Why is it important to believe that life is sacred?
- What does our culture tell us about the importance of life? What can you do to change the way our culture values life?

Discovery #3

- Is abortion ever OK?
- How do we know that God knows us before we're even born?
- Why is it important that God has a plan for our lives?

Discovery #4

- What are the physical effects of abortion? What are the emotional effects of abortion?
- What would you say to a friend who is considering abortion? What could you do to help her?
- Why do you think people get so upset when animals are killed, but don't do anything to save unborn human children?

Discovery #5

- Can God forgive someone for the abortion she's had?
- What are the consequences of having an abortion?
- What could you say to a friend who's had an abortion? What could you do to help her?

Discovery #6

- What can you do to take a pro-life stand in a pro-choice world?
- Why is it so important to take a stand for life?
- What is compassion? How can you show compassion to all people?