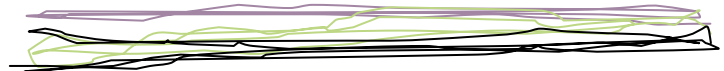


Friends Club



Sanctity of Life

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.

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.

Invite a guest 2. Invite an octogenarian or physically or mentally challenged individual in to talk to the girls. Ask your guest to talk about his or her life, experiences, and expectations for the future. Allow time for the girls to ask questions.

Resource Ideas

- *Dorie, The Girl Nobody Loved* by Doris Van Stone, Moody, 1981.

Additional Discussion Questions

Discovery #1

- Why is life sacred?
- Why is it important to know how we were created and how the world was created?
- How does it make you feel to know that God had a plan for you before you were even born?

Discovery #2

- What makes you valuable?
- What are some things that make you special?
- Is every life valuable?

Discovery #3

- How did Jesus make life special?
- Why is the way Jesus treated women important?
- What does it mean to treat everyone with respect?

Discovery #4

- Is everyone special?
- What can you do to help those around you know that they are special and loved by God?
- What can we learn from the girls in the story?

Discovery #5

- What does our world say about the value of life?
- What can you do to make a stand for the value of life in your world?
- What are some examples of ways that our culture devalues life?

Discovery #6

- What can you do help others value life?
- How can you learn to value yourself more?
- What can you do to help your friends value themselves more?