

Dear Parents,

Consider this your invitation to participate in developing a culture of life in your family, church and community. Your participation is key for your child to be "brainwashed" with God's plans for life. Yes, you want your child's brain to be washed clean from the messages of our society and also strengthened in a firm foundation of God's truth. We don't use the word "brainwashed" lightly. Why? Because society doesn't! Society is a powerful force in each child's life and tactical, intentional plans to own their brains and thoughts are very real. God's truth will prevail always. But, parents must rise up and claim the hearts and minds of their children in this fight for the protection of life. The next generation need never go the path of abortion!

The Life Begins lesson series provides for a basis of thought patterns and worldview that will be introduced at a very young age in an effort to strengthen each child's understanding of life at conception. Thus, a Biblical worldview of life will be formed in advance of the bombardment of culture that denies that life begins at conception.

You are cordially invited to support this Life Begins series at home!

SESSION 1 Overview – God Knew You

Where do babies grow before we meet them? They grow in mommy's tummies in a place called a womb. While Sam (baby doll) was in mommy's tummy, Sam developed all different parts of her body. For 9 months a baby grows inside a mommy's tummy. The Bible tells us in Jeremiah 1:5

"Before I formed you in the womb; I knew you,

This Bible verse also tells us that God KNEW you before you were born. That means that when God is busy creating babies, He knows each one of them personally. So, every single person was known my God when they were in their mommy's tummy. God never misses or overlooks a person, but knows us all.

We have an awesome God who loves babies in mommy's tummies a lot!

Goal for the Session

Students will understand:

- God knew us and had plans for our lives even before we were born.
- God has prepared in advance what we are to do with our lives.

Bible Verse

Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a profit to the nations.

SESSION 2 Overview – God Knows Your Name You

Matthew 10:30 tells us that God knows the number of hairs on our head....at ALL times. So, when you lose a hair in your comb, he knows that. He cares about every detail of your life. In fact, he designed you with a map that is called DNA. That map determined everything about how you were formed, how you look, and how each body part functions.

Not only that, we learn in John 10:3 that He calls all of us by name. He has a lot of names to remember...but he remembers every single "one of a kind" person that he designs. You are not a stranger to God. He created you, he knows you and he loves you.

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Goal for the Session

Students will understand:

- God personally knows each of us by name.
- God knows every detail about us because He loves us so very much.

Bible Verse

Matthew 10:30 And even the hairs on your head are numbered.

John 10:3

The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.

SESSION 3 Overview – Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Sam (baby doll for our sessions) started as one cell. This one cell had all the information needed to create a person...the map...the DNA. More and more cells kept developing to form all parts of Sam's body. What's the first thing we could hear about Sam? At 21 days we could hear Sam's heart beat. And, then gradually, Sam's heart beat got faster and stronger...getting her ready to be able to survive outside mommy's tummy. That one cell had all the instructions for Sam's face, arms, legs, toes, eyes...absolutely everything was designed. God has an amazing job for every cell in every body.

Goal for the Session

Students will understand:

- Each of us started as just one cell...but the cells multiplied very quickly.
- Each cell in the body contributes to a function in the body.

Bible Verse

Psalm 139:13-14 For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

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SESSION 4 Overview – The Miracle of Life

The Bible tells us that God created people to be like him. When God created the light in the sky, the plants and all the animals, He spoke to create them. But, when he made the first man, Adam, God used His own hands and made him (*use your hands again to pretend to form a man*). Then, God used his own breath and breathed into the nose of Adam and Adam came alive. (*Breathe into your hands as you talk about this.*) Then, God took a rib from Adam's side and created a woman named Eve. Can you feel your ribs? So, the first people were "handmade" by God using His own hands and His own breath.

Now God creates babies in mommy's tummies. They start out really tiny. And in just a few days, their heart starts beating. Then, before long, we see the baby's arms and legs growing. It doesn't matter how tiny Sam (baby doll) was when she was first created. She was a baby. The baby you took home, is a tiny baby that has been in her mommy's tummy for 12 weeks. Sam was this small in her mommy's tummy. She just had to have time to grow bigger so she could live on her own outside her mommy's tummy.

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Goal for the Session

Students will understand:

- Each person is individually loved by God AND special to God.
- Little teeny, tiny babies are in mommy's tummies growing, growing and growing.

Bible Verse

Genesis 2:7

The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

SESSION 5 Overview – God Holds Us Together

There is a cell in our body that holds us all together. This cell is called laminin. It is like a glue that makes sure our cells stay together. Laminin holds our organs like our heart cells together and also holds our body parts together. Laminin is in the shape of a CROSS (One arm pointing up...other arm perpendicular).

When he died on the CROSS, he paid for all the things we do wrong. God's CROSS for Jesus gives us forgiveness so that we can live forever with Jesus in heaven.

The CROSS of laminin holds our bodies together. The CROSS of Christ gives us heaven. So, God has used the shape of a CROSS to <u>make us</u> AND to <u>save us</u>.

God created babies and grows babies in mommy's tummies long before we can see the baby. No matter how small Sam was she was a baby. God made you. God had a specific plan for how you would look and what you would be like. He makes no mistakes. He has never ever missed a single baby. He knew every one of them by name...and even the number of hairs on their head.

God planned you. God made you. God knows you. God loves you.

Goal for the Session

Students will understand:

- The cross that holds our bodies together.
- Plus, the cross of Christ and its importance in our lives.

Bible Verse

Colossians 1:17 He is before all things, and in him all things hold together..