



## Family Conversation Guide

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This week, David Chadwick will depart from the study of the book of John as he teaches about valuing every life God has created, including unborn children- and God's plan and purpose for each of us.

### READ AND DISCUSS

Ask family members to tell you 3 things they like about the way God created them.

1. Read **Genesis 1:-26-27**. **Who is the Creator? Why did He create us?** (*God created us, male and female, in His own image.*) **What does that mean? How are we like Him?**

- We are rational human beings, who can think and reason.
- We are linguistic human beings, who can speak.
- We are aesthetic human beings, who know beauty.
- We are moral human beings, who have the moral law of God written on our hearts and consciences.
- We are spiritual human beings, who can worship God and sing praises to Him. We can acknowledge His existence.

2. In the Bible, we learn that God chose His people before they were born and He had a plan for their lives. In **Jeremiah 1:5**, Jeremiah says that he was called to be a prophet of God even before the world was created. Paul says the same in Galatians 1:15. Read **Ephesians 1:4**. **What does it say about us?** (*That God chose us in Christ before the world was ever created*). **How does that make you feel, to know that God chose you?** You are chosen by God, named by

God, LOVED by God!

3. Read **Psalm 139:13-16**. **Who formed you and knitted you together in your mother's womb?** Life begins from the first moment God starts forming a child, and every child was placed in their mother's womb by God. In **Psalm 139:14**, it says that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. And, we have a calling by God on our lives. He has a purpose for each of our lives!

4. In **Luke 1:44**, as a baby in his mother's womb (*called brepos for child*), John the unborn baby leaped for joy when Mary the pregnant mother of Jesus walked into the room. As an unborn baby, John had feelings! **Did you know that babies have feelings, even before they are born?**

5. In **Luke 2** Simeon calls Jesus as a 6-day old by the word brepos- used for any child, inside or outside the womb. And Jesus said "Let the little children (brepos) come to me." **Are all babies important to God? Even unborn babies?**

6. Read **Psalm 139:16**. God's eyes saw us, and He knew every one of our days that were planned for us, even before we were formed! **Do you ever wonder what God has planned for you?**

7. From the very beginning of our lives, God has a plan for our lives. He created each one of us, from the color of our hair and eyes, to our gifts and talents, even our physical and mental abilities, to do something special in this world for Him. **Are our lives important to God? Are babies important to God, even before they are born?** Yes!

8. Because babies are important to God, He wants us to protect them. Sometimes, parents are not able to take care of babies- for different reasons. They may not be well, they may not have money to care for a child, or they may not have a home. Sometimes, they just don't want to have a baby. So, God's people are called to care for babies, by giving them foster care until their

parents can care for them, or adopting them and choosing them to be a part of their family. And, all of us can help support families who care for the children who need a home by giving money to help, or providing things that babies or children need. **What are some things babies or children need?** *(They need to have a home and a family, they need food and clothing, they need to be loved)*

9. We are also called to speak up for protecting unborn children. David Chadwick talks about how the eggs and babies of sea turtles are protected, with fences and paths to the ocean so that they can be safe. There are also laws protecting sea turtles. **Shouldn't we also protect little babies?** There are many states who do not have laws to protect babies.

10. Sometimes, mothers of unborn babies need help. They may not feel they are ready to have a baby. Our church wants to help through an organization called Love Life, so that these babies can be protected and safe, and come into the world and be the people God created them to be and live the lives God created them to live. Love Life also helps with foster care and adoption. **We can help children by supporting Love Life with a gift of money from the church, and by walking with Love Life to let people know that babies and children are important to God, even unborn babies. Remember God made them and He has an important plan for their lives!**

### **How can we help?**

- Marriage and strong families
- Adoption or fostering
- Serve in a pregnancy care clinic or crisis pregnancy center
- Respect for life
- Fight human trafficking
- Run for political office to fight for respect for life
- Vote for life
- Be a voice for the children
- Pray for unborn children and their parents

## **FAMILY CHALLENGE**

Have each family member list the ways God created them- their likes and dislikes, their talents and abilities, even the way they look. **What is unique and special about them? In what way will they serve God and glorify Him in this world?**

If you feel it is appropriate, show your family pictures of unborn children and how they develop in the womb. The book ABC-Life in the Womb is written with a Christian perspective and it comes in book form or Kindle edition.

[https://www.amazon.com/ABC-Life-Womb-Valerie-Silva-ebook/dp/B08VH73Q39/ref=tm\\_kin\\_swatch\\_0?\\_encoding=UTF8&qid=1633204010&sr=8-3](https://www.amazon.com/ABC-Life-Womb-Valerie-Silva-ebook/dp/B08VH73Q39/ref=tm_kin_swatch_0?_encoding=UTF8&qid=1633204010&sr=8-3)

**Ask: When is a baby a person? When they are born? Or when God began creating them?**

If your family would like to join the Love Life walk on Saturday, September 9, please look for details on the Moments of Hope website.

## **PRAYER**

*God, Thank You for creating us, each one of us, in Your image- to be like You. We know You created us just the way You wanted us to be, and that You have a special plan for our lives that was created specifically for us and no one else. Help us to protect and keep safe babies and unborn children. Help us to be strong and brave when we speak up for little ones that You created! In Jesus' name, Amen*