

# A LESSON ON LOVING ALL HUMAN LIFE

## GRADES 1-3 - Lesson I (Year III, Day 1)

**Goal:** To introduce children to the concept of personhood and the unique gift of each human life created intentionally by God.

**Materials:**

Horton Hears a Who book or audio-drama. If time allows and the school has a copy of the newer, longer version of Horton Hears a Who, feel free to use that one.

Paper, pom-poms, pipe cleaners, craft glue

**Lesson:** The human person is amazing! Right from the very beginning of our life, we are completely unique. There has never been anyone just like you and there will never be anyone like you again. God created you and He loves you. Today, we are going to listen to a story called, Horton Hears a Who.

**Watch or listen:** Horton Hears a Who [audio-drama](#). (You could also read the book yourself.)

**Discussion:**

- What does “a person’s a person no matter how small” mean? In the story, who does this refer to?
- Horton took care of the Who’s even when people did not believe they were people. Is a person more important as they get older or bigger? Or are people just as important when they are small? What about when they are very small—no larger than a cumquat or a chickpea?
- Do you know anyone who is expecting a baby right now?
- Before babies are born, what can we do to help keep them safe and healthy? Can only moms and dads do these things? Or can other people help too?
- Why is it important to keep babies safe before they are born when they can’t help themselves?

**Activity:**

Make a Horton Hears a Who craft using pom-poms, green pipe cleaners, glue, and paper. You can see a sample [here](#).

**Watch:** [Katia’s Surprise](#)

### Discussion:

- What is a contradiction?
- Frank and Katia don't agree about what is inside her tummy. Can they both be right?
- Were you surprised to see what is really inside Katia's womb?

### Prayer:

*Jesus, we thank you for creating each of us unique and special. We thank you for loving us and knowing us each by name even when we were tiny, before we were born. Show us how to share your love with everyone we meet, especially babies and moms and dads who are expecting babies. Allow us to see the wonder of your creation in everyone we meet. Amen.*

*Lesson adapted from the plans on the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Life, Justice and Peace website*