

Everyone Deserves a Home - a Lesson on Adoption

Goal: Students will learn about the loving choice of adoption. Activities will help students to see the beauty of adoption and rejoice in the gift of every individual person.

Materials: baby dolls, baby clothes, play food, other things that babies need

GRADES PK-K - Lesson II (Year III, Day 3)

Discussion: Have the children gather in a circle on the floor. Play and sing [“I Love You”](#)

Take one of the baby dolls and explain that when God creates each new person, He sends them into the world as tiny babies, first growing inside their moms. When babies are born they need a lot of attention. Ask the students if any of them know any babies. Ask the children, “What do babies need to be happy?” They need things such as food, diapers, clothes, etc., but they also need attention from people who love them. Mention that some babies are placed for adoption and they go to live with their adoptive family. Share “I wonder” statements: “I wonder what the adoptive family would do to get ready for the baby to come home.” “I wonder how the adoptive family will feel when the baby they have been waiting for comes home.”

Watch: [Elijah's Adoption Day](#) or [Baby Collins' Adoption Day](#)

Activity: Enter into, or initiate, role plays about preparing for an adopted baby to arrive and/or the arrival of the adopted baby.

Prayer:

Dear God, when you create new people for the world, you create them to be part of a family. Some families are big and some are small. Some families live in the city and some in the country. One thing is true about all families—there is lots of love! Sometimes parents cannot take care of their children. When that happens, we ask that You send them new families. Please let these children find families to love them, and give them everything they need to grow up happy and healthy! We thank You for our families! Amen.

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