

A LESSON ON THE UNIQUENESS OF EVERY PERSON

GRADES PK-K - Lesson I (Year III, Day 1)

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

Materials:

Baby Development Cards, ink pads, a piece of paper for every child in the class that has their name on it, cardstock print-out of a bare tree (see links below)

Lesson: Have the children gather in a circle on the floor. Sing [He's Got the Whole World in His Hands](#).

Discussion:

Where does a baby start to grow?

When the baby starts growing, is the baby a big baby or a small baby? (Show the children how a baby in the womb grows with the [Baby Development Cards](#))

Read: Read a book (or watch a read-aloud) that includes a child in the womb. Here are some options:

- [Angel in the Waters](#)
- [What's in Your Tummy Mummy?](#)
- [Nine Months Before a Baby is Born](#)

Discussion:

Do the people in this story love the little baby in this story?

Do any of you have any little babies in your life that you love?

Explain that God loves each one of us. Jesus loves the smallest people and the biggest people. He loves every person and we are all special to Him.

God made all of us with different fingerprints. (Show the children how to make a fingerprint.) Would you like to try and make your own fingerprints? Remember, no one else in the whole world has a fingerprint that looks exactly like yours. God made you special.

Activity: Give the children a piece of paper with their name on it and ink pads. Encourage them to decorate their names by placing their finger on the ink pad and then on the paper.

Bring the cardstock print-out of a [bare tree](#) around to each student and help them make one fingerprint as a leaf on the tree. Before praying, show the tree image and point out how every fingerprint is special.

Prayer:

God made the sun,
And God made the trees,
God made the mountains,
And God made me.
Thank you O God,
For the sun and the trees,
For making the mountains,
And for making me. Amen.

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