

Respect Life Week: Youth Night Resources

Adoption

Opening Prayer: [Intercessory Prayers: Adoption](#)

The response is "Lord, hear our prayer."

For expectant mothers placing their children for adoption: May they receive loving support as they walk this journey; We pray to the Lord:

For parents placing their children for adoption: May they encounter the Father's love through our words and actions; We pray to the Lord:

For children awaiting adoption: May they be welcomed into loving families; We pray to the Lord:

For children awaiting adoption: May the Lord inspire loving families to welcome and nurture them; We pray to the Lord:

For married couples considering adoption: May the Lord guide their journey and grant them peace along the way; We pray to the Lord:

For all of God's children: May they recognize their dignity as adopted sons and daughters of God; We pray to the Lord:

Introduction: Each day, hundreds of thousands of women learn that they are pregnant, and our culture tells them that they have two choices: keep and parent the child, or have an abortion. However, people so often fail to talk about the third option – adoption! For many women, adoption never even occurs to them, or, it is seen as distasteful or worse than abortion. How can we support women in making this heroic and selfless choice? Students will learn about the number of infants and children available for adoption or in the foster care system. They will explore adoption as a loving option for unexpected pregnancies.

Opening Discussion:

1. Watch [Grace's Story](#)

- Why did Grace choose adoption for her child?
- Did it seem to be the right choice, or one she regretted?
- Was it difficult?
- How do you think other people viewed her choice to place her child for adoption?
- Do you think she cared what others thought?
- Overall, did she seem happy with her decision?

2. Watch [Hope of Adoption: Adam & Sophia's Story](#)

- Why did Adam and Sophia choose to adopt children?
- Did they experience adoption as a positive thing? Why?

- Why were they so grateful to the birth mothers of their three boys?

Activity: Ask students to choose one of the following perspectives and activities:

- A birth mom looking to place a child for adoption. Write a letter to your child giving your reasoning for choosing adoption and sharing with him or her your hopes for the future. Feel free to name your child and create descriptions of your life. This is your big chance to share your wisdom and love with your child!
- A couple wanting to adopt. Put together a portfolio of photos and stories explaining your life and why you think you would make great parents for an adopted child. Explain experiences from your own childhoods and whether you have other children or not. You want a birth mom to choose you!
- A child who has been adopted (either at birth or through foster care). Write a letter to your birth mom telling her about your life now. How has your life changed since you have been adopted? Where do you live? Do you have siblings? Have you had to change a lot of things? What are your feelings toward your birth mom? Make sure to thank her for giving you the gift of life!

Closing Prayer: Prayer for Life

O Lord, I come before you in prayer for women and teens who are struggling with the decisions they must make about their unborn children. Minister to their hearts and set deep within them Your words that a child is a gift from God and no man shall end the life of another. Help them realize they do have choices. Provide them with the courage to choose life. Inspire in the hearts of your faithful the desire to adopt babies and children who are in need of love and stability. Give all children loving homes and kind families. Amen.