

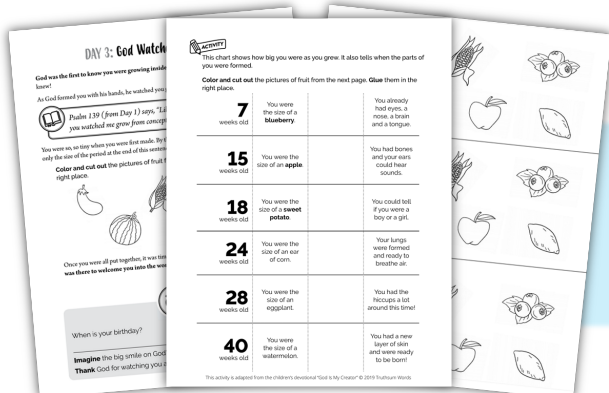
Sanctity of LIFE Activities for KIDS

Every human life is precious in God's sight. Children need to know the immeasurable value God places on every human life no matter how helpless or small they may be. You can use Scripture, science, and hands-on activities to teach children about the sanctity of human life.





Made in Secret is a simple lesson and activity where children will discover 9 ways God knows and cares about every person before they are born.

God Loves Babies is a hands-on activity that uses play acting and a relay game to emphasize God's delight in watching and caring for every baby before and after they are born.



God Watched Me Grow is a fun devotional and craft page that teaches children the value of life by focusing on various stages of a baby's growth as God forms them in their mother's womb.



Prepare: Ultrasound Image (*printable*)  of a baby (*or images of a baby's development month by month*), Made in Secret cards (*printable*)  or make your own using the ideas below, Bible

Ideas:

1. Your face and mouth begin to form.
2. Your fingers, toes and bones formed.
3. All the parts of you were fully formed!
4. You could suck your thumb and make faces!
5. Hair began to grow on your head.
6. Your fingerprints could be seen and you could open your eyes.
7. You responded to light, sound and pain.
8. You could see and hear.
9. You were ready to be born!

Say: As you were growing inside your mom, people couldn't tell much about you. You were pretty well hidden! They may have had a few images from an ultrasound (*show image*), but it wasn't until you were born that they could see the shape of your nose, color of your eyes, or how much hair you had. But there was someone else who watched you as you grew inside your mom! He knew everything about you! (*Read Psalm 139:15-16a.*)

I'm going to give you a set of 9 cards. I want you to put them in order based on what you think God saw first, then second, etc. as he watched you grow.

God got to watch you for 9 months before you were born. You brought him great delight and joy as he watched you form and take shape. He rejoiced when you were born and welcomed you into the world! God has always been present in your life and wants to be part of your life for the rest of your life too! There's no better way to live than to live life close to God!

Respond: Have children close their eyes and listen to "Wonderfully Made" from Hidden in My Heart Volume 2. Have them imagine God singing the song to them. At the end have them pray popcorn prayers to God in response to his care for them.

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God Loves Babies | **Topic:** God Watched Me Grow | **Time:** 10 min

Prepare: Caring for Babies Cards (*printable*) with actions to care for babies, Growing Relay Cards (*printable*) with ways babies move (*sit up, crawl, stand, etc.*), two containers or bags, baby dolls (*preferably one per child*), baby supplies (*burp cloths, diapers, bottles, etc.*)

Say: Do you have a baby in your house? Babies need a lot of help! They can't do anything by themselves.

Do:

- ▶ Younger Children: Give each child a baby doll, if possible. (*Or have children take turns with the dolls.*) Use the Caring for Babies cards and have children do the actions with their doll. You may have to show them how to do it first! Encourage them to be gentle with the doll and to speak kind, soft words as they "help" the doll.
- ▶ Older Children: Have children share a time they had to care for a younger sibling or baby and help with something the baby couldn't do on his own.

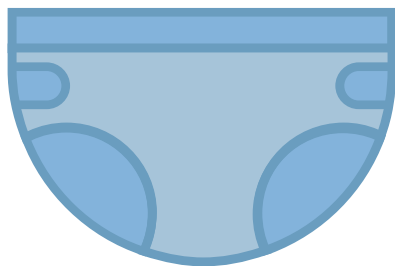
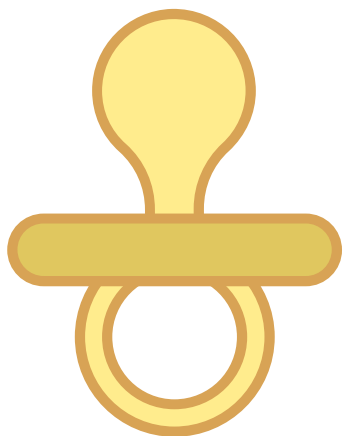
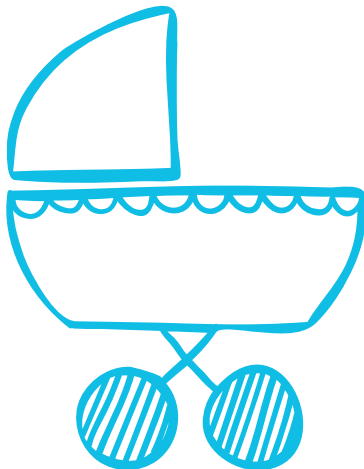
Say: Babies need a lot of help! Even though they can't do anything for themselves, God loves each one because he made them! Each baby is a miracle, uniquely created by God. No baby is the same as another one—each looks different, acts different, and likes different things. Babies are precious to God! God also made each baby with the ability to grow and learn new things. He loves watching them grow and change! He loved watching YOU grow as a baby.

Do: Use the Growing Relay cards and have the children act out the action in the order a baby learns to do them. With each one say, "God saw you when you learned to (*insert action*)."

Have children line up in relay teams. The first person should run to the end point, do the first action, then come back. The next child runs and does the next action, etc. until all the actions are done.

Respond: Have children say with you, "Thank you, God, for loving me and helping me grow!"

CARING FOR BABIES



GROWING RELAY



roll over

sit up

crawl

stand

walk

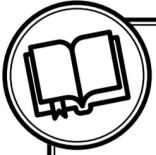
run

climb

DAY 3: God Watched Me Grow

God was the first to know you were growing inside your mom. He knew before your mom knew!

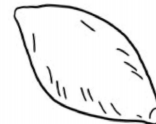
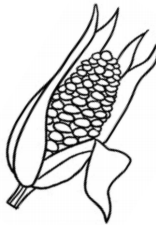
As God formed you with his hands, he watched you grow in your mom's belly.



Psalm 139 (from Day 1) says, "Like an open book, you watched me grow from conception to birth."

You were so, so tiny when you were first made. By the time you were four weeks old, you were only the size of the period at the end of this sentence. Wow!

Color and cut out the pictures of fruit from the next page. **Glue** them in the right place.



Once you were all put together, it was time for you to be born! **God was so excited! He was there to welcome you into the world!**



When is your birthday?

Imagine the big smile on God's face the day you were born!

Thank God for watching you and loving you as you were created.



This chart shows how big you were as you grew. It also tells when the parts of you were formed.

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| 7 weeks old | You were the size of a blueberry . | You already had eyes, a nose, a brain and a tongue. |
| 15 weeks old | You were the size of an apple . | You had bones and your ears could hear sounds. |
| 18 weeks old | You were the size of a sweet potato . | You could tell if you were a boy or a girl. |
| 24 weeks old | You were the size of an ear of corn. | Your lungs were formed and ready to breathe air. |
| 28 weeks old | You were the size of an eggplant. | You had the hiccups a lot around this time! |
| 40 weeks old | You were the size of a watermelon. | You had a new layer of skin and were ready to be born! |

