



Christian Voices for Life

Weekly Pro-Life

Education

Prayer

Action

Talking to Children about Abortion



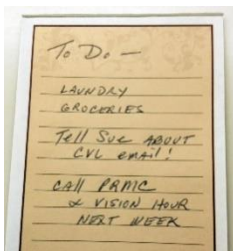
Education: If you don't teach your children that every person is worthy of respect, and that the baby in the womb is just a young person, they may get a very different message elsewhere. If you don't teach your children about abortion, the world will tell them it's a woman's right. You can start with very young children to explain that babies grow inside their mother in a special place just for them called the womb. Explain how even when they were very tiny, inside the womb, they had fingers and toes, could suck their thumb, etc. Show them ultrasound images of themselves when they were in the womb and stress that a baby is the same person before and after they are born. If mom is pregnant, let them hear the heartbeat and see the ultrasound, and encourage them to talk to the preborn child. You may take them to a family-friendly pro-life event.

When they are older, between the ages of 6 and 12, depending on their maturity level and exposure to various ideas, very simply explain that abortion ends a pregnancy before the child is ready to be born. While some people believe that abortion is acceptable, it is wrong, and we need to try to protect children in the womb. Talk in more detail about fetal development. For teens, make pro-life books available to them and make them aware that many young people participate in pro-life groups. Also teach them to value themselves and their future marriage through abstinence, but make it clear that you will always love them no matter what; it is OK to come to you with anything that is going on – especially if they are being pressured not to tell anyone, or they are just uncomfortable with it.

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Prayer: Dear Father God, please help every parent to teach their child that every person is worthy of respect, whether in the womb, handicapped, elderly, or if they just look differently from themselves. Help them to discern the best age to begin teaching their children about abortion and how to continue to involve them in the ways they live out their pro-life views, and work to promote respect for life. Help them to also teach their children that while the initial feeling after abortion is usually relief, over the long term, millions of women deeply regret their abortions and suffer greatly with depression, drug abuse, or other problems. Men are also adversely affected by abortion, but may react in different ways.



Action: Plan how to tell your young children about abortion, and talk to your older children with openness and honesty. Encourage your children and friends to educate their children. Look into resources such as "How to Talk to Your Child About Abortion", a brochure available at www.hh.76.com, *Pro-Life Kids*, a book by Bethany Bomberger, available at www.ProLifeKids.com, and the list of pro-life books recommended for teens by Sarah Bowen, available at www.christianvoicesforlife.org/information.