



# Christian Voices for Life

## Wednesday Word

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### Respecting Life After Birth

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**Education:** Being a single mom is hard. Pregnancy centers do not abandon women after the baby is born. They can continue to take classes, earning vouchers to buy baby items. The other moms in the classes will often give each other emotional support and may also help each other with trading babysitting, providing advice to those who are first-time moms, etc. But pregnancy centers can't do it all. Single moms need support from their relatives, friends, and church. Things like babysitting, doing errands or help with job training or finding a job can make a huge difference. Just knowing they have

some help and don't have to do everything on their own can really be a great support. Women who think being a single mother would be too hard to handle can be sorely tempted to abort, but if they see that support is available, they can be greatly encouraged. Relatives might provide child care but also need support. Perhaps a church group could match needs to volunteers willing to help.

In addition to supporting single women, there are other ways to respect life after birth. Foster parents are needed to provide children with a good home while they are separated from their parents. Babysitting is needed to give the parents a break or do some errands, but babysitters must receive special training on handling foster children before they can offer their services. Being willing to take that training and follow through with babysitting would be a great help.

Pregnant women tempted to abort also need to be informed that infants can be anonymously left at a hospital or fire department to be made available for adoption, if they have not already made an adoption plan. Every state has a Safe Haven (or Baby Moses) law to allow that process, but details vary. Churches (or others) can also purchase a "[baby box](#)" to accept infants 24/7. (1) When a baby is placed in the box, an alarm is sent to Child Protective Services, and local firemen pick up the child.

1. Safe Haven Baby Boxes, shbb.org



**Prayer:** Dear Father God, please lead good-hearted people to offer help to single parents, to ease their burden. Send volunteers to organize church groups to coordinate volunteers and single parents in need of help. Help fathers of babies to take responsibility to provide their share of supporting their child. Bless programs that encourage teens and young adults to wait for marriage to be sexually active. Your beautiful plan provides every child with two parents committed to each other and to caring for the child.



**Action:** Talk to friends at your church to see if anyone else might be interested in organizing a group to help single moms. Talk to your pastor and discuss with him how to proceed. Pray yourself and ask others to pray for the success of the group. Consider becoming a foster parent to be able to take in infants turned in with the Safe Haven laws or children of any age in need of parents.