

Tennessee Right To Life
SANCTITY OF LIFE CURRICULUM
Grade 9 - Week 1
VICTIMS OF ABORTION

PERSPECTIVE FOR THE TEACHER

Please watch the video After the Choice before showing it to your class next week. It will also be helpful to read the newspaper insert "Hope and Healing" and the brochures that are a part of this lesson and the take-home packet. These are included in the teacher's notebook.

Since 1973, when abortion was legalized in the United States throughout all nine months of pregnancy, the American people have been told that abortion is a simple procedure between a woman and her doctor. The goal of the ninth grade lesson is to shine the light of truth on this lie.

Abortion, of course, kills the unborn child, but its effects are far more reaching. The mothers are often scarred physically but are more apt to be scarred emotionally. The emotional trauma that women commonly experience after their abortion is referred to as post abortion syndrome. Its symptoms include grief, depression (even to the point of suicide) and guilt just to mention a few. These symptoms may surface quickly or may not surface for several years. (*See Hope and Healing newspaper insert.*)

As outlined in the brochure, "*What I Saw in the Abortion Clinic*," the abortion industry victimizes young women who are in a crisis pregnancy, because lots of money will be made on an abortion. Also, the marketing of abortion to these women is pushing abortion as the solution. We will also use a poster of a Yellow Page ad to show how local clinics market abortion.

After helping the students to understand how abortion victimizes the mother, we will help them see that there are other victims as well, including the father and even siblings. As with all sin, abortion affects so many people. As we work to build a culture of life, we want the students to understand that a woman and her unborn child deserve truth, compassion and care from our society (namely from us) rather than death and destruction.

Deuteronomy 30:19 is so very appropriate to this lesson that you may want to write it on the board before class begins: "*I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants.*" (NASB)

SCRIPTURES:

I Timothy 6:10

Memory verse: --"*I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So, choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendant.*" (NASB)

Deuteronomy 30:19

LESSON GOALS:

- To define abortion as an act of violence that kills a baby
- To explain the effects abortion has on its victims
- To expose the lie that abortion is a safe, simple procedure
- To reveal the deception behind the phrase "abortion is between a woman and her doctor"

- To show how deception is used to manipulate a woman into a decision to abort
- To identify the many victims of abortion

THIS LESSON SHOULD HELP THE STUDENT:

- To understand that the unborn child is the ultimate innocent victim in an abortion
- To acknowledge that the mother is also a victim in the abortion
- To discover the techniques that the abortion industry uses to victimize scared pregnant women
- To understand how abortion affects the mother and other family members

VISUALS/SPECIAL PREPARATIONS:

- Newspaper insert *Hope and Healing* (for Teacher information only)
- Poster of Yellow Page Ads
- Copies of student role play (found at the end of this lesson)
- Fetal Models
- Description of Abortion Procedures (see Appendix F)

TAKE-HOME MATERIALS:

- Take Home Packet
 1. Manila Envelope
 - Victims of Abortion sheet
 - What I Saw in the Abortion Industry* brochure
 - Hidden Tears* brochure
 2. Parent Sealed White Envelope
 - Breast Cancer* brochure

TEACHING THE LESSON

A. Introduction

Prayer--Start with a prayer thanking God for the gift of Life. Ask Him to help us to love life in all its stages. Ask Him to let us see those around us who need help. Pray also for the compassion and courage to stand up for LIFE.

In our ongoing struggle for the TRUTH, today let us focus on the wisdom that comes from Deuteronomy 30:19 that states, "***I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. so choose life, in order that you may live, you and your descendants.***" This scripture is very relevant to the topic for today—victims of abortion. Many of you may already know how abortions are done, but for those who don't we should quickly review the truth about the procedures used to destroy unborn babies. There are several types of abortion, but the most common one is suction abortion. (*Using the Fetal Models and the information in Appendix F, try to summarize one method in each trimester.*)

I think that we can all see that abortion is an act of violence that kills a baby and hurts a mother. Knowing the horrible things about abortion, why do you think a girl would ever have an abortion? Why would a mother want to abort her baby? (*Give them time to discuss this.*) Yes, a girl might be afraid of what her parents will think or do. She might be in

the middle of high school or college and think that a baby will put a stop to her future plans. A girl might think that is the only way to keep her boyfriend. Boyfriends or parents may convince a girl to have an abortion. A mother may feel that she would not be able to provide for her baby. Prenatal testing may have detected a possible birth defect or abnormality of the baby.

Many girls do not know the things that you just heard about what abortion is and what it does to an unborn child. Therefore, she might make a decision to have an abortion without actually knowing what will happen to her baby. She may even try to talk herself into believing that it's not really even a baby that she is aborting.

There are many possible reasons that a girl might seek an abortion. What we see in many of your answers is a woman who sees herself in a crisis and is looking for a way out. We will learn today that it is in this kind of stressful situation, when a woman most needs compassion, help and understanding, that she becomes a vulnerable target for a multi-billion dollar abortion industry that makes money by aborting babies. They sell abortions to women who are confused and scared. Therefore, as we will learn today, the mother is also a victim of abortion.

B. Class Discussion

I want you to imagine that a girl you know comes to you and confides that she thinks that she might be pregnant. How do you think she would feel? What would your reaction be? Many times a girl who thinks she might be pregnant will immediately think about abortion, but she needs more information. So, one place to look is the phone book. Let's say a paint company has an ad in the Yellow Pages. What is the goal of their ad? How about a fitness center--what is the goal for their ad? The goals of most listings in the Yellow Pages are to get you to buy their product or at least call for information about their product. They want you to call for information because that gives them a better chance to convince you to buy their product. Abortion clinics are no different. They are businesses that make money from people who "buy" their "product" --abortion. *(Show poster of Yellow Page ad.)*

Let's go back to your friend who thinks she might be pregnant and she looks up abortion in the phone book. Now look at this poster of that page from the Yellow Pages. Will someone read those listings aloud, please? *(Spend a little time discussing the ads: "Knoxville Center for Reproductive Health" and "Volunteer Medical Clinic" are the listings for the local abortion clinics; they are very close to the UT campus because that's where business is; they sound sympathetic; they offer free pregnancy tests and confidentiality, etc.)* Now, from that listing, which do you think a scared and confused girl might call? *(Hopefully, some will already know of "Hope Resource Center," the local pro-life pregnancy center, but it is listed under "Abortion Alternatives".)*

Let's suppose that she calls one of the abortion clinics in town. What information will your friend get? Well, according to Carol Everett, who once owned abortion clinics and is now pro-life, she gets a "sales pitch." Abortion counselors are trained and given sales techniques to sell abortions, because they must make money in order to keep their jobs. The following role play has been adapted from a similar one that was printed in a back issue of the magazine, *Concerned Women*. Carol Everett wrote the original to inform others of the tricks of the abortion industry, since she used these same techniques hundred, maybe even thousands of times to sell abortions.

Let's pretend your friend's name is Jane. In the following scenario I need six volunteers to role play the following characters: Jane - a young woman concerned that she might be pregnant, Darryl - her boyfriend, Sue - an abortion clinic receptionist, abortionist (a

very small part) and two narrators. I will be adding some commentary. *(Pass out the copies of the role play to the volunteers. Teacher's comments will be in blue throughout the script.)*

Role play starts

Narrator 1: To explore alternatives to her crisis pregnancy, Jane reads the following advertisement in the phone book: "Problem Pregnancy? Considering Abortion? Pregnant?" Jane calls the listed number just to ask some questions.

Scene 1: Dialogue

Narrator 1: Jane calls the "clinic." The phone is answered by Sue, an abortion salesperson calling herself a "counselor." However, the one product she sells is abortion. The abortion clinic makes no money if that pregnancy is continued in any manner. Sue has had extensive marketing training to "help" this woman with her "problem."

Sue: *When was the first day of your last normal period?*

Narrator 1: Jane tells her the date.

Sue: *(matter-of-factly) Sounds like you're six weeks pregnant.*

Jane: *(sounding nervous) You mean I'm pregnant?*

Sue: *Is this good news or bad news?*

Narrator 1: Sue knows that women who are happy about being pregnant do not call abortion clinics. *(Keep in mind that the pregnancy hasn't even yet been confirmed.)*

Jane: *Bad news.*

Sue: *(taking charge) No one needs to know. We can take care of your problem without anyone's knowledge.*

Narrator 1: The "counselor" now searches for the reason the woman does not want this baby. She must know in order to use the fear in her selling technique.

Jane: *This is just not what I need right now.*

Sue: *(continues selling) Does the father know?*

Narrator 1: She never calls the woman the "mother" or the baby a "baby," but the male involved is always referred to as the "father." Subconsciously Sue is encouraging Jane to blame the man for this problem.

Jane: *I guess I have to tell him now.*

Sue: *(ready to close the deal) You know the cost is \$250. Do you have that much money?*

Jane: *(horrified) No!*

Sue: *(in a calm voice) Go to all your friends and ask to borrow \$5, \$10 or \$25. Get a part-time job and pay them back in a year. Now, why don't you come in tomorrow around 2:00 to confirm your pregnancy and see what you want to do?*

Scene 2: The Test

Narrator 1: It is the next day and Jane and her boyfriend, Darryl, the father of the baby, arrive for her appointment.

Sue: *(smiling) Hello, Jane. I am so glad you are here.*

Jane: *This is my boyfriend, Darryl.*

Sue: *Hello, Darryl. Are you the father?*

Darryl: *(obviously nervous and embarrassed) Yeah, I guess so.*

Sue: *Well let's go back to the lab and do the pregnancy test.*

(Carol Everett points out in her brochure that in order to make more money, sometimes a woman who is not pregnant will be told that she is pregnant, so that she will buy an abortion, thus, the clinic will make more money. A "procedure" is then performed on her so that she will believe she has had an abortion. However, this is not being done at this clinic today).

Narrator 1: Together they go to the lab and mix the urine with chemicals. She points to a chart on the wall showing what the results of both a positive and negative pregnancy test will look like. Jane watches carefully.

Sue: *It looks like you are pregnant. If you have your money, then we can go ahead and get this over with today, and you won't have to think about it anymore--after all, the sooner the better.*

Darryl: *We have the money. I guess we should go ahead and get it over with today.*

Jane: *I'm just not sure. I think I need some time to think.*

Narrator 1: Sue knows that if Jane leaves the "clinic" someone might counsel her that abortion is not the answer to her "problem." Sue knows that Darryl is the key here. If she can keep him on the abortion track then he can convince Jane. Seeing that Darryl is uncomfortable, Sue uses this to press them both into a quick decision and "close the sale."

Sue is trained to be a "friend" to couples like Jane and Darryl.

Sue: *Darryl, why don't you two go in this room and talk about this? You can talk about what is best for the two of you and your futures. I want you two to make the best decision for your lives.*

Narrator 1: Sue is trying to scare Darryl about his future if Jane doesn't go through with this abortion. She wants him to use his emotional control of the situation to convince Jane to "shape up and do what is right for both of them." As the two walk into the room, Sue gives a sympathetic knowing glance to Darryl as if to say, "Your future is in your hands."

Scene 3: The Persuasion

Darryl: *I thought we had talked about this already and we decided that this was best.*

Jane: *I know, but now I'm scared. I bet it really hurts and what if something goes wrong?*

Darryl: *It will be ok. People have this done all the time. Besides I'll be right out here the whole time*

Narrator: The father is not normally allowed in the actual "procedure room."

Jane: *Maybe this isn't the right thing to do. Maybe this really is a baby and maybe we should just leave here right now.*

Darryl: *(becoming scared and impatient) What does it matter, let's just go ahead and get this over with. We both decided this is what was best.*

Jane: *I thought you loved me.*

Darryl: *I do. And if we can just get this behind us, then we can move on together.*

Narrator 1: Jane sees this comment as a threat that if she doesn't have the abortion, he will end their relationship. She reluctantly agrees and they let Sue know of their decision. Sue tells Darryl to go get some fresh air or something to eat and come back later for Jane. She takes Jane with her.

Scene 4: The Lie

Narrator 2: Jane is brought to the front desk to pay **before** the abortion. The preferred method of payment is cash but many abortion clinics accept credit cards. Jane might be given a consent form that confuses her so that she doesn't ask many questions about what is to transpire. But almost every woman has the same two questions...

Jane: *Is it a baby?*

Sue: *No, it's a product of conception (or a "blood clot" or a "piece of tissue").*

Carol Everett also points out that the "counselors" lie to the women, even though on an ultra sound they have seen six-week-old babies that are less than an inch long with arms, legs, and eyes that are closed.

Jane: *Will it hurt?*

Sue: *(lies) No, your uterus is a muscle. It cramps when it opens and cramps when it closes so you will experience a slight cramping sensation.*

Scene 5: The Killing

Narrator 2: Now that the sale has been made and Jane has paid her money and signed the consent form, she is a different commodity. The operating room is cool; the atmosphere is one of confusion with teams of nurses running around. Each operating room has a radio that is set on a different station, so there is little cross-communication between rooms. Every effort is made to keep the patient from hearing other women's comments or screams during the abortion procedure.

Sue joins Jane in the operating room, to continue the "friendship." In reality, she is there to keep Jane quiet. The abortionist stops at the door of the room, picks up the chart, removes a receipt, and adds it to his stack. At the end of the day the abortionist turns in his receipts and is paid in cash.

The abortionist enters the room, asking a question like,

Abortionist: *"Where does your mother think you are today?"*

Narrator 2: Something to reinforce the fear and keep him in control of the situation. He never asks, "Is this what you really want to do? Have you considered the alternatives?" Jane starts to cry as the abortionist preps her for the abortion

Jane: *"Stop, I don't want to do this. I've changed my mind."*

Abortionist: *"It's too late, I've already started the procedure."*

Narrator 2: This is a lie, but if he stops now, he doesn't get paid. In some cases, nurses will have to be called in to hold the woman on the table while the doctor completes the abortion. The sound of the suction machine as the blood and small parts of the baby pop through the tube are permanently imbedded in Jane's memory. Finally the killing is over and she is moved to the recovery room.

Scene 6: The Recovery Room

Narrator 2: Women who have had abortions have two reactions in the recovery room. The first is, "I've killed my baby!" This woman has to deal with the death of her child, grieve, and try to go on with her life. The second reaction is anger: "You promised me I'd only be here two hours. It's been four. Let me go!" But she can't leave yet. She has to go through the resale process where the counselor gives her birth control pills. She replies, "I'll never have sex again." The recovery room nurse coolly says, "You came in once, and if you don't take these, you'll be here again." With inadequate information, the woman is often given the Pill.

Statistics show that when contraceptives are dispensed in this kind of uninformed environment, pregnancy rates ACTUALLY go up not down. Sadly statistics also show that nearly 40 percent of all abortion clients are repeat customers.

(If things go as they usually do, Darryl and Jane will break up eventually. Each may blame the other for what happened, or perhaps their commitment to one another wasn't that strong to begin with. Both must live with their role in this abortion.)

End of role play.

Keep in mind that someone who worked and made lots of money from abortion related this common scenario. *(Take up the scripts and return them to the notebook.)*

The abortion clinic wants you to come back. They want your business. Just like the paint store wants you to paint another room and buy more paint, or the fitness center wants you to bring in a friend for a trial visit. It's how business is done. It's how money is made. As we have seen from this scenario and as Carol Everett, ex-abortion provider, will attest,

money is at the heart of the push for legal abortion--any time, any reason. Abortionists kill unborn babies for money--abortions aren't offered for free. In I Timothy 6: 10, The Bible says, *"For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.* And as we will see there are many sorrows that come with the sin of abortion.

We have been told that abortion is a safe, simple procedure. We already know that the abortion kills the baby--that's not safe. But what many people don't know is that many women suffer with complications of an abortion. Some women even die from abortion. But we don't hear much about these incidences, because families are shocked and embarrassed. Carol Everett says, "We were completing over 500 abortions monthly and killing or maiming one woman out of 500."

Abortion is an invasive surgery for a woman and can be dangerous to her physical well being. Some immediate complications from abortion are:

- Hemorrhaging
- Puncture and tearing of the uterus
- Infection from mild to fatal (sometimes parts of the baby are left inside the womb)
- Carol Everett has said that one of the worst complications she saw while running abortion clinics was when the abortionist perforated the uterus and then suctioned the bowel through the tear.

Some long-term physical complications from abortion are:

- Miscarriage in future desired pregnancies
- Tubal pregnancies – baby is outside the womb in the fallopian tube
- Breast cancer--recent medical studies have found a strong link to abortion and breast cancer, especially in women who abort their first pregnancy.

Many women who have had abortions experience emotional and psychological complications. The aborted woman may initially feel a sense of relief. But in the months and years following that choice the majority of them will struggle with symptoms. These symptoms have been termed Post Abortion Syndrome and include:

Guilt	Nightmares
Alcohol or drug abuse	Depression
Anger	Eating Disorders
Panic or fear	Suicidal thoughts
Uncontrollable crying	
Preoccupation with the abortion date or due date	
Uncomfortable around babies, children or pregnant women	

As we have learned today, many times the pregnant girl is scared, confused and ill informed. She is not told the truth about her unborn child. She does not realize that abortion is an act of violence against her baby. She is sold an abortion as a quick, easy solution to a scary situation. She is exploited in her time of need. So many times, the mother is also a victim of abortion.

There are other victims also. The Father of the baby can really make a difference when a girl finds out she is pregnant. If the father is supportive of LIFE then it is easier for the mother to choose LIFE. If the father of the baby abandons her or tries to force or convince her to have an abortion, then she is more likely to be persuaded to have an abortion. Just think what a difference it would have made if Darryl had said to Jane, "This is not right,

let's get out of this place and think about this some more." Jane was looking for an out but never got it from Darryl. He should have been protecting the mother of his child but he helped to destroy his own child. That will eventually affect him in some way. However, the ironic thing is if a father wants his child to live and the mother still wants an abortion, then there is nothing the man can do. He has no legal authority to save his child. It is the mother's decision. Therefore, fathers can be victims of abortion also.

Post Abortion Syndrome in men has some of the same symptoms: loss, sorrow, depression and anger. A man's role is to protect women and children, so when a man coerces or helps a mother have an abortion, he feels shame and sorrow. Although he may not allow himself to feel any remorse, these emotions will be lived out in negative ways, especially, toward women. A man who lost his child because of the mother's "choice" may feel angry and humiliated.

Siblings of aborted children also may be victims. If they know about the abortion siblings may feel guilt because their brother/sister was killed instead of them. They may be afraid that they might be next. Or, they may feel grief and sorrow. Sometimes, when the mother aborts a child, she may try to overcompensate with her future children; or she may emotionally reject future children because of the guilt or sorrow that she is experiencing.

Abortion has many victims. The slogan that the pro-abortion movement uses that abortion is a personal choice between a woman and her doctor is a myth. Abortion affects many people as all sin does. Also, as you can see, the idea that abortion is a safe and simple procedure no longer can be believed. There are many other stories such as these we have shared today in the literature that you will take home and on the web site www.lovematters.com

Choosing death is never the answer to problems. Abortion is never a solution to a problem. Scripture tells us this in Deuteronomy 30:19. This is our memory verse for the week...*"I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants."* This is good advice for us. It is good advice for everyone although some may not know it. You need to be ready to offer life to those around you who may at some time need your help. Care, compassion and love should be offered to women in a crisis—never death and destruction.

C. Closing

1. Summary

Let's go over what we learned today.

- We reviewed the ways that abortions are performed, thereby proving that abortion is an act of violence. that kills a baby and hurts a mother.
- We talked about how abortion is sold as a product to a girl in a crisis.
- We read a sample of the "sales pitch" given to a girl who is pregnant.
- We are now able to realize how a woman can be a victim of abortion.
- We learned of the possible physical and emotional complications of abortion including post abortion syndrome.
- We learned that abortion also affects fathers and even siblings of the aborted baby.

2. Take-Home Assignment

We read about Carol Everett today. She got into the abortion business to try and justify her own abortion. She started as a receptionist or "counselor" who sold abortions to girls. When she opened her own abortion clinics, she would bring in market specialists to train her counselors on how to make more money and sell more abortions. But that is not the

end of her story. With a financial goal of making over one million dollars a year, she called a business counselor to handle problems she was having with her business partners. This business counselor was also a minister. When Everett discovered this, she asked the man what he was doing as a business counselor for an abortionist and he said to her, "God sent me." After this minister shared God's grace and mercy with her, she saw everything differently. She could no longer fool herself into thinking that she was helping women. She saw the pain that abortion was causing. She left the abortion industry and now works to spread the message of LIFE. We need more people like Carol Everett. We need to be praying for conversion in the hearts of those who work in the abortion industry--the "counselors," the doctors, the nurses, the accountants, etc.

Your assignment for next week is to drive by one of the local abortion clinics, and pray for all who work there. Pray for the women who are going in or who might be going in soon, that they may not fall prey to the abortion "sales pitch." Also, look in the phone book and in the newspaper for abortion clinic ads. Look for their marketing methods. Also, look up Hope Resource Center and see how they are trying to combat the abortion clinic ads. Hope Resource Center is a loving place where girls are given the care, compassion and help they need to choose LIFE. They also offer Christ-centered counseling for post abortion syndrome. The good news for these women is that through Jesus, there is forgiveness and healing. Also, read the two brochures, *What I Saw in the Abortion Industry* and *Hidden Tears*, then answer the questions on the worksheet.

3. Pray

Please distribute the take-home packets.