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Each month, we will provide a **FREE** Lesson focusing on a USCCB Respect Life topic.

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Empowering & Educating Children to Change the Culture

A Culture of Life Program

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September: Masterpieces of God – Love One Another

Each one of us is created in the image of God as His masterpiece and should be treated with respect. We are called to love one another.

Materials

Kindergarten – 5th Grade – Fingerprint Pictures: blank cardstock or cards, stamp pads of different colors, markers (Appendix A)

6th Grade and Older – Spiritual Adoption Posters: ½ poster board for each class, markers, glue, picture of unborn baby (can found on the internet), printed prayer of Archbishop Fulton Sheen’s Spiritual Adoption Prayer (Appendix A)

Opening Prayer

Lord, in your infinite wisdom and love, You created each of us with unique purpose in Your plan. Help us all to know and live Your will and the life You have planned for us. We ask this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

Discussion Prompt

We are all unique and God has an individual plan for each of us. Each of us is created exactly the way God intended. God purposely created us different from others. Through our humanity, He gave each of us our own personality, gifts, and talents so that we can serve Him. Bullying in any way is not the way of God. We cannot treat others differently because they appear different. Bullying through iPods, computers, or any electronic device is just as harmful as bullying someone in person. It actually can be worse because the harmful words and pictures can be easily shared with others.

Discussion Questions and Ideas

(Suggestion: Write students’ answers on the board)

- How many of you have siblings or close friends that we play with or hang out with?
- What are some differences you notice about yourself and them?
- What are some similarities?
- What are your gifts and talents? Based on those, what do you think God has planned for you?
- If someone looks or acts differently than you, should you treat them in an unkind manner?
- How does Jesus want us to treat others?
- This includes the way we treat people through social media. We should never “say” harmful things to someone or about someone on any social media or texts.
- Discuss the 2nd Greatest Commandment – Love others as yourself.

6th Grade and Older Additional Discussion Ideas

- A deeper discussion of God’s plan and how to live out God’s will for us.
- Also discuss cyber bullying in depth and the damage this can do to others.
- In some cases, children choose suicide because of the pain and devastation of cyber bullying.

Activities

Kindergarten – 5th Grade: Fingerprint Cards

- The children will create pictures with their fingerprints. Have each student create a picture with the different color stamp pads and their fingerprints. Encourage them to make a “masterpiece” – paying attention to detail and creativity. Once completed, have the students share their cards with the class.
- Fingerprint Activity Discussion Prompt: God created us as His own masterpiece – these pictures are your masterpieces. None of the pictures can be exactly alike because each of us has our own set of fingerprints. Although the pictures are all different, they are all masterpieces. Although they are all masterpieces, they all look different. Just as God created each of us as a masterpiece, we are all different in many ways. These differences are created by God and no one should treat others differently because of those differences. *Fun Fact: Even identical twins have their own set of fingerprints ☺.* Why are each of the cards different? Not only does everyone have different fingerprints – we also each have different ideas.
- *Suggestion: Display the fingerprint masterpieces in the classroom.*

6th Grade and Older: Spiritual Adoption Posters

- The students will create the Spiritual Adoption posters for the classrooms. They will cut and paste the following on the poster board – a picture of an unborn baby (from the internet), the Archbishop Fulton Sheen prayer (Appendix A) and the name of the baby chosen by the class. Have them put their fingerprint on the poster board in some way.
- Once completed, have the students share the pictures with the class. Although all of the posters look different, they are just the way God planned.
- Spiritual Adoption Poster Discussion Prompt: God created us as His own masterpiece – these posters are your masterpieces. None of the pictures can be exactly alike because each of us has our own set of ideas. We respect each other’s uniqueness and treat each other with respect just as God commanded.

Closing Prayer

Glory Be

Spiritual Works of Mercy & Corporal Works of Mercy

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Fingerprint Cards

*"For we are his handiwork, created in
Christ Jesus" Ephesians 2:10*

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Spiritual Adoption Posters

Archbishop Fulton Sheen Spiritual Adoption Prayer:
(simply copy, cut and paste on the poster board)

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger.”

- Prayer of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen