

Adaptable to all age groups

Time: 30-40 Minutes

Objective

To learn and understand basic concepts of human dignity, interconnectedness, and solidarity, at an age-appropriate level. They will learn that everyone has value regardless of their level of development or degrees of dependence upon others/

Overview

Gather

Opening prayer, welcome & Intros (3min)

Proclaim

VALOR (15min)

Break

Activity & Questions (7min)

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Closing Prayer (5min)

Gather

About our Organization

Right to Life of Central California is an educational nonprofit. Our goals and mission are to teach groups within our community about the dignity of human life, to provide resources to women facing unexpected pregnancies or abortion, and to be an advocate within our community for human dignity.

Our subsidiary corporation, the Obria Medical Clinics of Central California, is a non profit prenatal healthcare clinic that provides women with high-quality, dignified prenatal healthcare resources regardless of ability to pay or insurance status. Parents and children who are facing challenging circumstances and wish to seek reliable information from a faithfully pro-life perspective may reach out to either of these organizations.

About the Presenters

Introduce the presenter scheduled for this talk.

Ice Breaker

Lead a fun activity to get the students engaged and ready to pay attention during the presentation.



Proclaim

VALOR

1. Why are we important?
 - a. What makes you different from animals? Suggested answers:
 - i. We can think
 - ii. We can talk
 - iii. We can communicate
 - iv. Because we can think and talk and communicate, the Bible says we are “made in the image of God.” No other animal is like that. This is why we think humans are very, very special and need to be protected.
 - b. Are you important to other people? Who values you? Suggested answers:
 - i. Your family
 - ii. Your friends
 - iii. Your neighbors
 - iv. Your teachers
 - v. Your church
2. If you are important, which humans are important? Everyone? How have people tried to make some people less important? Examples (may vary by age):
 - a. Slavery
 - b. Racism
 - c. Treating people unfairly because of how they look
 - d. Treating people unfairly because of their age (sometimes)
 - e. Treating people unfairly because they have different challenges or handicaps
 - f. Because they are poor?
 - i. Who should help poor people? Everybody!
 - ii. Sometimes everyone has to pitch in to help those most in need.
3. Why do we think everyone is important?
 - a. Who do you depend on?
 - i. Your parents
 - ii. Your teachers
 - b. Is it easy taking care of kids? Not all the time. But why do parents do it?
 - i. Parents take care of their kids because they love them.
 - ii. Your grandparents took care of your parents! It’s like returning the favor.
 - iii. Sympathy: we see ourselves in other people’s situations. Parents needed love and help when they were kids, so they love and help their own kids.
 - c. When you are an adult, who will you take care of?
 - i. Will you have kids?



- ii. Do some of you want to have a job where you help people?
 - iii. If you had a friend, or a brother, or a sister who really needed help, would you help them?
 - d. Do some adults need other people to take care of them? When?
Suggestions:
 - i. When they are sick
 - ii. If they have an accident
 - iii. When they get older, kids need to take care of parents sometimes
4. Some people think unborn babies are not important
- a. Because they are not as smart or developed as us
 - b. Because they are a burden to their mom
 - c. But lots of people we care about are less smart, or place burdens on others, but we still care for them.

Break

Small Group Questions

Depending on the size of class/group presentation, pair students up or divide into small groups.

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Prayer of Support

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of being created in your image and likeness. We thank you for the strengths you have given each of us. Help us to not fear or compete with the strengths of each other, but recognize the importance of uplifting and supporting one another. We ask that you help We seek ways to support one another. We also know that we each face particular challenges. Allow us to be aware of the challenges those around us face and make an effort to help one another overcome them. Finally, we ask that you help us to always recognize the dignity of each person we encounter, to always look for ways to serve one another. Help us be the gift to one another you created us to be. We ask all of this in the name of Jesus, as we pray:

Our Father who art in heaven... Hail Mary, full of grace...

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