



THE GREATEST GIFT

Objectives:

At the end of the Kids Assembly, MFC Kids will be able to:

- Recognize that the greatest blessing that they received is their gift of life
- Appreciate the beauty of a life given by God
- Learn how they can value and take good care of their life



Activity: Like or Life

Instruction:

- The facilitator will ask the kids to identify if the items flashed on the screen has a life or not.
- (Online Assembly) The facilitator may ask the kids to click the like button if the picture shown doesn't have a life and a heart button if a picture shown has a life.
- (Physical Assembly) The team may prepare two chairs and printed 'like' and 'heart' emojis. Printed 'like' may be put on the left chair and the 'heart' on the right chair. The kids should go to the 'like chair' if the picture shown (in a projector) doesn't have a life and vice versa.

Suggested items:

- Tree
- Flower
- Chair
- Ballpen
- Stuffed toy
- Dog
- Butterfly
- Cat
- Toy Car
- Doll
- Man
- Woman
- Children
- Baby inside mother's womb

Processing:

God gave us beautiful things. He created everything for you and me! He gave us non-living things that we can use to make our life easy and happy such as our toys, our favorite pen, books. He also gave us living things so we can have our food to eat, we can have our family to be with us, friends to play with us, plants and animals to take good care of. But the most wonderful gift we received is our life. Because of this gift of life, we get to experience and enjoy God's creation and love for us.



"Then the Lord God formed the man out of the dust of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

—Genesis 2:7

How wonderful it is to know how God created us! How majestic it is to know that God formed us out of dust and upon blowing into our nostrils the breath of life, we were able to receive this beautiful life. Life is the greatest gift we could ever receive from God. God didn't need us and He could be happy without us, yet, He still chose to create us. We were also created out of His overflowing

love and made according to His image and likeness.

And because we received this beautiful gift of life, as MFC Kids, we are called to protect and value this gift - our lives. As MFC Kids, we are called to be prolife! Pro-life means we are for life. We are cheering and supporting the life that we have and the life of one another. Remember that you are special and one of a kind. God made everyone unique from each other. God knitted carefully our cells, our being - with love and attention to create a divine masterpiece.

"You are a thought of God. You are a heartbeat of God. To say this is like saying that you have a value...that is infinite, that you matter to God in your complete unique individuality." (Pope John Paul II)

III. HEART

Regardless of your age, skin color, and built, remember that you are loved. In the eyes of God, we are all special. That is why we need to protect and value this gift of life that God has entrusted to us. And to value and protect our life, we need to always remember the following:

1. Always Do Good – We all know that God is good! Because of that, we were born good! We possess innate goodness from the moment we are born. With that, let's practice showing goodness and kindness to the people around us. Showing goodness to others means demonstrating kindness, unselfish behavior, and genuine care. It means to be kindhearted, tender, and gracious. Goodness is a manifestation of the Holy Spirit (God) working in our lives!

Note: The speaker should site examples on how the kids can be good to themselves, their family, friends, and their community. Being good to themselves can be avoiding too much screen time, eating healthy foods, etc.

2. Always Believe in the Truth – Nothing we do can ever be opposed to the truth - and that is, our lives are important. It is a gift that is worthy of celebrating. God uses your smile, your talents, and your uniqueness to spread His love to everyone around you. You don't need to change anything because who you are right now is God's gift to you. Believe in the truth that you are loved!

Note: The speaker should site examples on how they can always say the truth in defending and protecting life such as what they see on TV doesn't mean that it is the truth and it is correct. Or if someone tells them that they are not good at dancing, singing, or which talent they might want to pursue, they should always remember the truth mentioned above. One should not bully other kids if they have different skin color, abilities, etc. because everyone is unique..

3. Always See the Beauty in Everything – We can value more our life if we see and acknowledge the beauty in all the things around us. God has beautiful plans for you and He will take good care of you. Sometimes we may experience hardships but that doesn't mean that life is not beautiful anymore. Perhaps, if challenges come, God is teaching us how we can value and appreciate our lives even more.

Note: The speaker can give examples of how we sometimes experience hardships such as this pandemic, how hard it is when we are far from each other, how sometimes things can be difficult in school and inside our house. And with that, how can we see beauty despite those hardships. For example, this pandemic somehow taught us to be united, to be prayerful, and to be more helpful to others.

As MFC Kids we are called to protect and cherish the life that God has gifted us. God loves us so much that He wants us to experience the fullness of it.



A. For Kids at Play (3-4 years old)

Activity: Pro-life coloring page

Materials:

- Thank you Coloring Page (Appendix A)
- Coloring Material

Instructions:

- Get your crayons or any of your coloring materials and start to put colors into the drawing page
- Note to the Facilitator: After doing the activity, before the assembly ends, call some representatives and let the kids share their work to the group.

B. First Step (5-7 years old) and Foot Step (8-10 years old)

Activity: March for life

Materials:

- Bond/White Paper
- Pens / Markers
- Water Color or Paint

Instructions:

• Put a paint to your hands that is enough to cover to your palm



• Place your painted hand onto the paper



- Once dry, turn the paper upside down and then draw elephant's ears, eyes, nose and tail
- Write "A person's a person no matter how small"



Processing: Explain to the kids that life starts even when we are that tiny small cell in our mother's womb. Protecting and valuing life must start there.

C. Step up (11-12 years old)

Activity: Household

Discussion question:

- What are the lessons you learned from this assembly?
- How is God calling you to do more good?



As MFC Kids we are proud to say that we are for life and we are pro-life! As we continue to protect this beautiful gift we remember that your life is important and that you are a gift. Let us continue to pray for those people who are battling as well for their life - those who are sick, all the babies in their mother's womb, and those who are struggling to see beauty in their life.

This month we have learned that the greatest gift that we received is our life thus it is our responsibility to treasure it like no other! This gift Is for you!



FEBRUARY KIDS ASSEMBLY

RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE

1. I will imitate Jesus.

- I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
- I will make Jesus as my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.

2. I will be a good family member.

- I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
- I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.

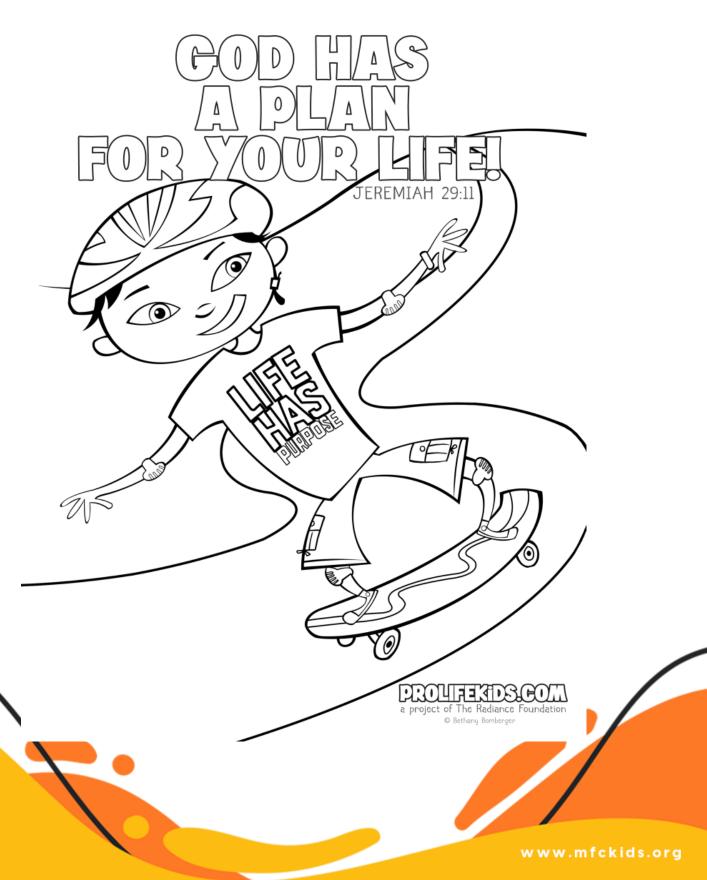
3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids

- I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
- I will share my time, talents and treasures to others especially to my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
- I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

4. I will tell others about Jesus.

- I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds everyday that will reflect God's love.
- I will serve in our Parish Church.
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

Appendix A



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Magandang Buhay! Thank you for letting your kids attend our Kids Assembly this month and for being one with us in believing that they are *never too young to know Christ.* We honor your love and passion in making your child/ren closer to the Lord.

February is a Pro-life month. This is a month dedicated to the preservation and respect for human life, and the sanctity of marriage and the Filipino family. For this month's assembly, we aim to teach the kids the value of human life – the value of their lives. We also aim to let them realize that no one is too young to defend and protect life. For the kids to be able to understand more the gift of life that they received, we believe that parents are the primary teachers who can impart and explain more the beauty of life. In doing so, here are some suggested activities at home that would help us explain to the kids this gift of life:

- 1. Together, make a list of the ways your child was "fearfully and wonderfully made." Then, during the week, affirm your child's gifts and personality traits.
- 2. Although some people believe that a preborn baby is not yet a person, the Bible teaches that life—and personhood— begins at our creation, not our birth. In South Korea, their culture affirms that life begins at conception by including the time in a mother's womb when calculating a person's age. Remind your child of her "true" age and consider celebrating the special day nine months before her next birthday.

3. Use gift tags that say "To:" and "From:" (you can make these on your own using strips of paper). Take these tags with you as your child looks around your home and names their favorite possessions. Ask, "Who does this belong to?" and "Where did we get it?" Recognize each item's ownership by filling out and attaching gift tags accordingly. Turn the discussion to your child. Fill out a tag to read "To [your child's name]" and "From God," then attach it to your child. Explain, "We can give each other things, but only God gives life." Have your child feel their heartbeat and see if they can catch the rise and fall of their chest with each breath. Explain that their very breath is a gift from God, and remind them that since he or she is made in God's image, his or her life is very special. With your child, say a prayer thanking God for the gift of life He has given.

After doing the activities, we encourage you to post these on your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents and families to journey with their kids. Use these hashtags - #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter

Thank you much and we hope to be with your kid/s next month!

MFC Kids Team