



# HEART OF A CHILD MINISTRIES™

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Welcome to our Journey Within Fetal Development Poster Program in collaboration with the Knights of Columbus and Heart of A Child Ministries.

This poster program is a teacher-led program meant to be easily picked up and implemented over the course of a school year by science teachers, theology teachers or both for middle school through high school students. Teachers are meant to introduce each poster through a powerful, short PowerPoint presentation with short discussion questions, then the posters are meant to be put up in the classroom. By the end of the year, all 9 posters – and fetal development from all 9 months of pregnancy will be introduced. There is an option to add a spiritual reflective component to this program as well, which is a very important and beautiful option for students in faith-based schools.

## **Included in the poster program are:**

- **9 science-based fetal development posters covering the 9 months of pregnancy.** The content on these posters have been approved by Heart of a Child Ministries' medical panel. Photos have been licensed for use from reputable sources like the Science Photo Library. Information is from solid medical sources like the Cleveland and Mayo Clinics. These can be introduced in the following way: 1 poster per month September - May; 2 posters in October (because it is prolife month) and 1 poster per month the rest of the year; 2 posters per month starting in January.
- **9 PowerPoint presentations that go with each monthly poster.** These include photos and information from the posters, plus short real ultrasound videos, supplemental videos and information that are quick, easy to show, and memorable. At the end of each PowerPoint, there are suggested discussion questions as well.

- **9 Supplemental Spiritual Reflections** – for schools who want to implement a spiritual component to this program, there is a spiritual packet that includes Scripture, faith-based information and reflections that go with each poster. Teachers can implement these in the same class that they are introducing the science-based power points and posters in, or they can choose to bring forth the spiritual information at a different time during the month or in a different class- like theology.
- **9 Pre and post 10 question surveys** – We want to know if kids are learning from this program. This helps us to make the best program possible. We would like teachers to give kids the very short pre-survey prior to introducing poster information. Then we ask that they give the same questionnaire as a post survey after the information has been shared and the poster has been up in the classroom. Introducing the info at the beginning of the month through PowerPoints then reviewing the information at the end of the month through the same PowerPoint (before giving the post-test) is a great way to reinforce learning and retention. Your participation in the surveys is greatly appreciated to help us learn what is working or not working with the kids so that we can further develop the program for many schools to use after you.
- **9 teachers surveys** – We want to learn from you what is working, what you like, what you feel needs to be added or changed. We would like you to fill out a short survey for each poster of information. This will help us to make changes needed based on your feedback – so that it can be the best program possible. We would love to pick up the teachers’ surveys and student pre and post questionnaires after each trimester of information in order to gage the success of our program and implement any needed changes. Thank you for your collaboration with us. We are most grateful.
- **Fetal Development information booklets for all of your students** – These beautiful booklets share all main facts and photos that are in the PowerPoint presentations and posters to aid your students in their learning.
- **2 sets of fetal models** – a first trimester set and a second/third trimester set are provided to you for additional tangible learning. These beautiful sets are the exact weight and size of a real baby in the womb. Students can hold the fetal models and gain a deeper understanding of the reality of human life from the very beginning.
- **Live presentation** - We encourage schools and churches to implement one of our live presentations in collaboration with this program (this is not required

but encouraged - costs are covered by the Knights). The live presentation involves fun fetal facts, a powerful live ultrasound on the big screen, and the school's speaker of choice who will address a vulnerable life group - people with disabilities, the elderly, the homeless, single moms experiencing a crisis pregnancy.

- **Service** - We then encourage teachers to mentor their students in choosing a “life group” to serve. If a live presentation is held it is wonderful to choose a service that ministers to the life group that the speaker addressed: Service ideas are: holding a diaper drive or baby item drive and bringing the items to a Pregnancy Help Organization; writing letters to the elderly, visiting a nursing home and playing bingo with the residents; spending the afternoon with people with disabilities; serving people in need at a homeless shelter or food bank, donating clothing and food items. This is incorporated because the intent of the program is to deepen the understanding of the beauty and dignity of all human life – from the womb to the tomb and on what it means to be the “Body of Christ” for one another, “Made in His image.”

**Thank you for considering participating in this Teacher-Led Celebration of Life, Fetal Development Program.**