

Preview

Main Ideas

- 1) Adults are not entitled to a child, but children ARE entitled to both a mother and father in a stable, married family.
- 2) Adoption vs. same-sex adoption and other forms of third-party reproduction: one solves a problem [returning to a child that which was lost, a mother and father], the other creates one [intentionally creating a motherless or fatherless child].

Activities

- 1) As a family, discuss family ancestry and any family related stories. See if you can discover why your family, or family members, have certain traits and values. Did they come from any of your ancestors – their teachings, or their personality/character?
- 2) Discuss traits you share in common with your mother and father.
- 3) Learn more about where your family came from.

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Resource 2: Parents Provide the Backbone to a Child’s Life

Parent

It’s Time to Put #ThemBeforeUs: The Global Movement for Children’s Rights



Family

Intentionally Removing Biological Parents?



How have your parents helped to protect or guide you in your life?

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Resource 1: How Children Grow Best

Parent

Surrogate Future



Family

What do we need to grow best?



Why do you think children desire to be with their biological mother and father?

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Resource 3: The Way Families Fit Together

Parent

15 Reasons to Oppose Surrogacy



Family

The Family Jigsaw Puzzle



Why do you think families start with a mother and a father?

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Resource 4: Knowing Family History Promotes Resilience

Parent

Surrogacy, Love and Flourishing



Family

Knowing My Family History



What are the benefits of knowing your family history?

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Resource 5: Continuing the Bond Between Father, Mother, and Child

Parent

If You Are Considering Becoming a Parent Through Surrogacy, You Need This Information



Family

A Baby Bonds With His/Her Parents Even Before Birth



What are some favorite memories you have of you with your parents?

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Resource 6: Do Something Grand and Celebrate Your Grandparents

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Cultivating a Close Relationship with Grandparents



Family

Celebrating Grandparents



What are two important pieces of advice from your grandparents?

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Resource 7: Actions Have Consequences

Parent

Just because we can create genetically modified babies doesn’t mean we should



Family

The Wolves of Yellowstone



“Just because you can do something, doesn’t mean you should.”
Are the growing range of possibilities made available through assisted reproductive technologies a good thing or a not-so-good thing?

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Resource 8: Staying Safe

Parent

Eggsplotation The Radium Girls



or



Family

Staying Safe – The Harms of
Breaking the Rules



Have you ever had one person tell you something and another person tell you the exact opposite? How could you determine which is providing you with the truth?

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Resource 9: Wants Versus Needs

Parent

What Are the Rights of Donor-
Conceived People?



Family

Understanding wants and needs



How can you determine if something is a want or a need?

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Resource 10: Children Are Entitled to Married Parents

Parent

Avoid Raising an Entitled Child



Family

Countering Feelings of Entitlement



What are some ways we can counter feelings of disappointment when things don't turn out the way we wanted?

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Review

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Discussion Questions Survey



Family

Crossword Puzzles
Younger Children Older Children



How many Talking Points do you know?

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Role Play #1

Scenario

Your high school friend is now in college and she saw an ad in the campus newspaper advertising for women to “donate their eggs.” She can earn as much as \$25,000 doing it. She needs the money to be able to keep going to college. If she asked you what you thought about doing that, what would you say to her?

Responses

- No amount of money is worth your health being damaged
- Fulfilling one woman’s dream should not come at the expense of another woman’s health.
- In a “for pay” surrogacy contract, the child, eggs, and sperm are reduced to commodities, being bought and sold on the market like lettuce and tomatoes. Surrogacy is a \$30+ billion a year industry, reaping HUGE profits for the parties involved..

See additional responses and another scenario on the website

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Role Play #2

Scenario

Your older married sister struggled for years to have children. She and her husband successfully used IVF and eventually had three children. Your sister and her husband have decided three children completes their family, but they still have three frozen embryos that were created during an IVF procedure. If the topic comes up, what are some things you might share with her?

Response

- Life begins at conception and the embryos being discussed are the couple’s unborn children. (If they are intentionally discarded or destroyed, they’ve ended the life of their unborn children.)
- If the embryos are “put up for adoption,” someone else will be bearing and raising their children.
- When embryos are created through IVF, the couple should understand that each of those embryos have a right to a chance at life.

See citation and additional Talking Point Responses on the website

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Reflect

Parent

Review some Homefront Project articles/videos from the two ART Units
Impact on Children Impact on Women



Family

- 1) What did you learn?
- 2) What were you surprised by?
- 3) Do you understand anything differently now?
- 4) With whom can you share or teach what you learned?

Which was your favorite resource day? Why?

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Summarize & Share

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Unit Survey



Family

Which is your favorite image to share from the two ART units?



Who will you share this with?

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