

Human Prenatal Development – Investigation 1: In His Image.

Student Worksheet

This worksheet accompanies the religion lesson exploring the theology behind the beginning of human life, based on Investigation 1 of the Human Prenatal Development CELL.

Part 1: Scripture Reflection

Read the Scripture passages below and respond to the reflection questions.

1. Genesis 1:27 – 'So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.'

→ What does it mean to be created in God's image, even at the level of a single cell?

2. Psalm 139:13 – 'For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.'

→ How does this verse connect to what you've learned about chromosomes and human development?

3. Jeremiah 1:5 – 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart.'

→ What does this suggest about the sacredness of human life from the very beginning?

Part 2: Theology of the Body

"The body, in fact, and only the body, is capable of making visible what is invisible: the spiritual and the divine." – St. John Paul II

→ How is this true even in the earliest stages of life, like a single cell or an embryo?

Part 3: Virtue Reflection

Choose two virtues from the list below. Write a sentence or two about how understanding how life begins can help you grow in each virtue:

Wonder, Respect, Responsibility, Gratitude, Stewardship, Courage, Compassion

Part 4: Personal Reflection

→ What have you learned today that helps you see all human life—especially your own—in a deeper, more sacred way?