## The humanity of the unborn child

0-4 weeks Did you know?... the beginning of the life of an unborn child occurs at conception when the father's sperm joins with the mother's egg to form a unique human being. This one cell contains the child's complex genetic blueprint for every detail

of development — her sex, hair and eye colour, height, skin tone, etc. Her heart starts beating at 16 days.

5-8 weeks Did you know?... this tiny human is perfectly developed with little fingers, feet and toes. The placenta is already nourishing the baby through the umbilical cord. Her brain waves can be detected and recorded around Day 40. After 8 weeks the baby is medically called a 'foetus' (from the Latin word)



meaning 'little one').



#### 9-12 weeks Did you know?... From 12 weeks, she can stretch, kick and leap around the womb. By the end of the 3rd month the baby is fully formed and all her organs and

formed and all her organs and muscles are functioning. The only major activity from now to birth is growth.

# The inhumanity of abortion

### Did you know?... how abortion kills an unborn child

**RU486 (Abortion Pill)** - This drug is given to the mother up to the 9th week of pregnancy. It prevents nourishment from the mother reaching her womb so the child is starved to death. Drugs are given to the mother to expel the dead baby. There is the grisly possibility this could happen when the mother is alone at home.

**Dilation and Curettage (D&C)** - The mother's cervix is dilated and the living child is cut to pieces with a curette knife.

**Suction** - a hollow tube with a knife-tipped edge is inserted into the uterus. The suction tears the baby apart and sucks the pieces into a container. The head is crushed.

**Dilation and Evacuation (D&E)** - the baby is manually crushed to fit through the cervix; and a pliers-like instrument is used to crush the skull, arms and legs.

**Prostaglandin** - Prostaglandin is a chemical that is injected into the mother's womb to cause powerful contractions and expel the baby. This type of abortion is used in mid and late-term pregnancies. The baby usually dies from the trauma of the delivery, but if born alive, the baby is left alone to die – moving, whimpering and crying.









### Did you know?... the unborn child feels pain

A wealth of scientific evidence\* shows that the unborn child is capable of experiencing pain. Medical and scientific experts from the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists affirmed in October 1997 that fetal pain does exist. As early as 8 weeks, the unborn child reacts to touch. Pain receptors are present throughout

the child's entire body by 16 weeks. Doctors say unborn babies at this age probably feel pain more intensely than adults. Dr. Kanwaljeet 'Sunny' Anand, a researcher in pediatrics and anesthesia, said, "... it's excruciating, not only is sensitivity to pain higher in the fetus, it doesn't know when the pain is going to end." Surgeons performing corrective procedures on babies in the womb have seen them flinch, jerk and recoil from sharp objects and incisions. \* www.doctorsonfetalpain.com / www.silentscream.org



13-16 weeks Did you know?... her heartbeat can be heard clearly. She touches her face and sometimes "somersaults" around the womb by pushing off with her feet. This is when her mother feels her baby's first thrilling kick.

**17-20 weeks** Did you know?... by 20 weeks the baby's ears are functioning and she hears her mother's heartbeat and can recognise her mother's voice. An ultrasound scan can show the baby sucking her thumb.

**21-24 weeks** Did you know?... her tiny eyebrows and eyelids are visible. She shows a whole range of typical baby behaviour and moods including smiling, crying, sucking, scratching and hiccuping.

**25-28 weeks** Did you know?... her fingernails cover her fingertips. She may try to turn towards a source of bright light. Her eyelashes are clearly evident and the eyes begin to open.

29-32 weeks Did you know?... she is gaining about half a pound per week. Layers of fat are piling on under her skin. She has probably turned head-down in preparation for her birth. If she kicks, her mummy will be able to see it on the outside!

**33-40 weeks** Did you know?... the baby is now 3 – 9 pounds in weight. In the final weeks she settles down lower in the abdomen in preparation for birth, and moves around less as she becomes more cramped. Soon she will meet her mummy face to face.

## Hypocrisy

Did you know?... a society that tolerates abortion maintains a set of double standards concerning the humanity of unborn children. A child who is "wanted" is treated with respect and care while a child who is destined to be aborted is treated as a disposable object. While tiny premature babies are receiving expensive state-of-the-art care to save their lives, there are unborn babies of the same age being killed by abortion.





Now I Know... but what can I do to stop this horror?

#### You can help protect unborn babies by:

- Joining Precious Life
- Taking part in our weekly Street Outreach
- · Joining us daily outside Abortion Agencies
- Making a **Donation** to our work

*"...for evil to triumph, all it takes is for good men and women to do nothing"* 



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