

Scope and Sequence: Grades 7 – 8

Grade Level	Lesson Number	Lesson Title	Bible Verses	Outline	Activities	Additional Required Materials
Seventh Grade	1	God did an extraordinary work when He created your life in your mother's womb.	Genesis 1:26–27; Romans 1:20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> God is an extraordinary creator Our creation— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> by an extraordinary Creator as persons in the image of God takes place in the womb I was extraordinarily created 	Photos from home, Prenatal Development Chart handout, prenatal video, prayer to God	Video: <i>The Biology of Prenatal Development</i>
	2	We appreciate the value of each stage in the human life cycle.	Genesis 1:27; Psalm 100:3	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is “value” and how is it determined? The value God places on human life Discovering the value in each stage of human life 	Board/discussion, The Value of Life handout, writing	None
	3 & 4	In the adolescent stage, as in every stage, each person is totally unique and cannot be compared to, measured by, or replaced by another.	Ephesians 1:4, 11–12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Review the value of each stage of life Acknowledge the uniqueness of our creation as we grow through the adolescent stage Recognize that our unique physical and emotional changes are God's invitation for us to love and be loved 	I'm Unique handout, discussion, writing, CD-ROM slides, case study, Changes handout	<i>The Wonder of Me</i> CD-ROM

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Seventh Grade (continued)	5	God wants us to enjoy discovering the uniqueness of others around us.	Luke 19:1–7 (Zacchaeus)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God created each one of us uniquely 2. We choose to value discovery over comparing and evaluating 3. We learn ways to discover what is unique about those around us 	Discovery handout, video, role play	Video: <i>All About Steve</i>
	6	God uses surprising people to meet one another's needs.	1 Corinthians 1:26–27; 12:14–26	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God often uses people to meet the needs of others 2. Why do we often miss out on what others have to give us? 3. Discovering hidden treasure in people 	Scripture and DVD Discussion Questions handout, Discussion, video, brainstorm, class treasure hunt	Video: <i>The Journey of L'Arche</i>
	7	God created us for relationship.	Psalm 18:19; 32:8; 103:13–14; Isaiah 40:11; 54:5–6; 66:13–14; Mark 3:35; John 15:13–14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is an eternal exchange of love: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit 2. God created us to share in this exchange and to be in relationship with Him 3. Scripture uses relational images to describe our relationship with God 	Relationship Tree handout, board/discussion, write an invitation	None

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Seventh Grade (continued)	8	God shows us how to love through His design for family relationships.	Isaiah 49:13–16; Hosea 2; Luke 11; Romans 8	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God gives us pictures of Himself in family relationships 2. God's kind of love is revealed through family relationships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage • Children—fatherhood, motherhood • Adoption 3. We reflect God's kind of love in our family relationships 	Family photos from home, God Reveals His Love handout, write a paragraph	None
	9	God reveals His call to love in His design for marriage.	Genesis 1 and 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The creation of the first human as a body which expressed a person 2. God's kind of love longs to be shared with another 3. God's design for marriage as a sign of God's call to be a gift 4. God's call to be a gift to others, to love as He loves 	Wedding magazines, discussion, The Way God Loves handout	Bridal magazines
	10	The love-giving and life-giving nature of God is revealed in pregnancy and childbirth.	Genesis 1 and 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Marriage as a reflection of the love-giving and life-giving nature of God 2. Conception as an expression of the love-giving and life-giving nature of God 3. Pregnancy and birth as an expression of the love-giving and life-giving nature of God 	Baby photos from home, parent interview, Genesis handout, CD-ROM, DVD, group discussion, thank-you cards	<i>The Wonder of Me</i> CD-ROM, Video: <i>The Biology of Prenatal Development</i>

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Seventh Grade (continued)	11	God wants to protect His most precious creation from destruction.	Psalms 41:1-2; 119:90-95; 139:1-16; Jeremiah 22:15-16	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God protects us in the womb 2. God protects us by giving us direction for a full and satisfying life 3. God wants us to join with Him in protecting the lives of others 	Object lesson, discussion, brainstorm, class project	Clear container of liquid
	12	We learn to make good choices based on our confidence that God's direction for our lives is life-giving.	Deuteronomy 30:15-16, 19-20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God gives us choices 2. God gives us direction so we may experience life to the fullest 3. Making decisions based on God's direction versus only our desires or feelings 	Newspaper search, discussion/board, case study, journaling	Newspapers
	13	Our attempts to satisfy desire can lead to life or destruction.	Psalms 119:162-168; John 4:6-18	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We all look for ways to satisfy our desire for a full and satisfying life 2. We can destroy ourselves trying to satisfy desire in the wrong places 3. Jesus came to bring us life 4. We can be confident that following Jesus will lead us to the life we desire 	Object lesson, reading, Woman at the Well handout, case study discussion, drawing	Book: <i>The Smell of Sin</i>

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Eighth Grade	1	We can be confident that God is the best guide for our choices.	Psalms 32:2; 119:97-104; Proverbs 15:5; Matthew 19:4-6	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We need a trusted guide to take us through life 2. God is the One who can be most trusted to guide us in making good choices 3. Using Scripture and the teachings of our faith community to discover God's direction 	Obstacle course, case studies, Letter to God handout, Discovering God's Direction handout	Blindfold
	2	God made you to be loved and to love.	Genesis 1, 2, 4; 1 John 4:10-12, 17-18	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God is the source of all authentic love 2. The nature of God is love-giving and life-giving 3. As human beings we all experience a desire for love that can only be fully satisfied by God 4. As we experience God's kind of love, we are enabled to love others 	Lesson 2 Scripture handout, drawing, brainstorming, journaling	Drawing paper
	3	The value of a person is determined by God, not by popular opinion.	Ephesians 1:4, 11-12	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Our value as determined by society 2. Our value as determined by God 3. Learning to value ourselves and others as God does 	Magazines, class discussion, writing, Dead Sea Scrolls handout, Answering Questions about Value handout	Magazines
	4	God gives the gift of family.	Genesis story; Genesis 21:17-20; Deuteronomy 11:18-21	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. God as our guide in life 2. A picture of God's plan for family 3. God's provision when things change 	Movie clip, My Family Story handout, class sharing	Video: <i>Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade</i>

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Eighth Grade (continued)	5	The way we relate to our family members right now will impact our future relationships.	Ephesians 5:1–2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The importance of practicing God's direction in our families right now 2. Discovering direction from God about practicing God's kind of love in our families 3. Identifying family situations that require practicing God's direction 	Practice Makes Permanent handout, small-group discussion, role plays	Index cards
	6, 7, 8	God's design of the human person speaks of our call to be a gift.	Genesis 1:19–26; 2:4–9, 15–17; Matthew 22:37–39; John 1:1–4, 14, 17–18	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The creation of the first human as a body-person 2. The dignity of the person 	Object lessons, drawing, class reports, Creation Story handout	Scissors, baseball mitt, frying pan
			Genesis 2:18–23	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Creation as male and female—gender identity 4. The call to be a gift 	Creation Story handout, Our Creation as Male and Female handout, class discussion	None
			Ephesians 5:31–32; 1 John 3:16	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 5. God's plan for marriage and the marital embrace <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marriage covenant • Marital embrace 	Word association, CD-ROM, letter to self	<i>The Wonder of Me</i> CD-ROM, stationery and envelopes

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Eighth Grade (continued)	9	The “dignity of the person” is the foundation for the way I relate to myself and the way I relate to others.	Psalms 139	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Because we are made in the image of God, we are persons of dignity (worth and value) 2. As we embrace the dignity of the human person, we do not allow ourselves to be used for the selfish purposes or pleasure of others 3. As we embrace the dignity of the human person, we refuse to use others for our own selfish purposes or pleasure 4. As we embrace our own dignity, we recognize that we can become a gift to others 	Newspaper search, book, The Missing Piece handout	Book: <i>The Missing Piece Meets the Big O</i> , newspapers
	10	I recognize the language of my body and choose to use it to speak truthfully.	None	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The truth spoken by the body's design 2. Using the language of our bodies to lie 3. Marital vows and the language of the body 	Acting, discussion, posters	Poster paper
	11	We learn to make good choices and encourage others to make good choices, even in the face of a pregnancy-related decision.	Psalms 119:33–40; 139:13–16; Jeremiah 1:5a; 1 Corinthians 6:18–20	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Choices can have long-term effects 2. God's direction for decision making is life-giving 3. The decision-making process: a case study (unexpected pregnancy) 	Brainstorm, letter writing, Unexpected Pregnancy Decision-Making Chart handout	

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Eighth Grade (continued)	12	Choices we make in middle school can make it either more difficult or easier to participate in the adventures God has for our future.	Hebrews 12:1–2a	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The weight of our choices 2. Imagining how God might invite me to make a difference in the world 3. Considering how to make choices that will enable us to make a difference in the world 	Object lesson, brainstorm, People Who Make a Difference handout	Luggage filled with heavy items
	13	There are heroes who must act against popular opinion in order to share in the adventure of showing God's love to others.	Psalms 56:1–4	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Acting against popular opinion 2. Heroic acts and obstacles overcome 3. The hero in my world 	Game, research and report, Heroes Facing Challenges handout	Resource materials for research on William Wilberforce, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, and Henriette Delille.