

#### TARGET GRADE

High School/9-12th grade

#### DESCRIPTION

In this lesson, students will learn that the sin of abortion is not an abstract concept and that it has real effects on real people.

#### OBJECTIVES

At the end of this lesson, students will be able to explain how God's mercy and forgiveness in the suffering, death and resurrection of His Son restores any and all sin.

#### AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED

Approximately 50-60 minutes

#### MATERIALS NEEDED

- ✓ Bibles and catechisms
- ✓ Laptop with or without projection to show students presentation slides and to listen to audio
- ✓ Cell phones or tablets to play **Kahoot** (OPTIONAL)
- ✓ *Higher Things Magazine* article: "Silent No more" (PDF) (OPTIONAL)
- ✓ Team Pack Worksheets placed inside 4 bubble mailers or envelopes
- ✓ Notebook to take notes (OPTIONAL)

#### LESSON OUTLINE

1. Begin with today's **Reflection** (3 min).
2. Using mobile devices, play this lesson's **Kahoot** to quiz the students on what they already know about society's views on abortion. The last question polls students about their opinion. *Further instructions for using Kahoot are included below.* (6 min) (OPTIONAL ACTIVITY)
3. **Get students thinking with Think, Pair, and Share Activity** (slide 5). Students should read each prompt. Tell them to think about the answer before talking. After a minute of thinking time, tell them they have a set amount of time to discuss their answer with their partner. Walk around and listen in on their discussions, making comments or asking questions of groups if you wish. After their discussion time is ended, call on some or all of the pairs to share their answers with the entire group. Move on to slide 6 and discuss as an entire group. Keep your eye on the instructor notes on each slide for help with answers (5-8 min).
4. **Scripture Readings and Discussion:** Read and discuss slides 7-8 as a class (6 min).
5. **Article Audio.** Listen to the audio story provided. If you wish, you may print the article and provide students with a copy to follow along with as they listen (4 min).
6. **Scripture Readings and Discussion:** Read and discuss slides 10-13 as a class (8 min).
7. **Team Pack Activity:** Print out and prepare the Team Packs before class. We recommend using colored bubble mailers and putting fun colored pens inside along with the worksheets provided. You can keep it simple if you prefer and just put the print outs in an envelope. To keep students moving, give them about 4 minutes per question. Don't forget to share answers when all are completed. Slides 14-18 (20 min).
8. **Wrap up.** Have students share with their partner their answers to slide 19. Walk around and listen to conversations. Choose a few students to share with the entire class (3 min).
9. Close by praying together **Luther's Morning or Evening Prayer or the Lord's Prayer.** (3 min).

## GAMES AND ACTIVITIES

### Think, Pair and Share

Assign students a partner. Show or ask them a question. Tell them to think about the answer. After a minute or two of thinking time, tell them they have a set amount of time to discuss their answer with their partners. Walk around and listen in on their discussions, making comments or asking questions of groups if you wish. After their discussion time is ended, call on some or all of the pairs to share their answers with the entire group.

### Team Packs

This group discussion strategy is great for helping students engage more deeply in a topic while building on each other's ideas. Each student group receives a Team Pack and writes the answers to the question(s) contained inside before passing it on to the next team. Each team must add something new to the answer provided by the preceding team. Students must build on the discussion answers by adding more analysis, text evidence, conclusions, etc. Choose a set amount of time for each group before passing the Team Pack to the next group. Share all answers at the end with the entire group.

### Kahoot

**Kahoot** is an online quiz game application with which most of your students will already be familiar. Kahoot is highly engaging and interactive! Higher Things has already created a Kahoot (quiz) for this lesson. You will just need to create a free account and sign into it to play the game.

Students will need to use a mobile device with the free app downloaded to sign into the game. They can type kahoot into their browser, followed by a prompt to enter a game pin. If a student doesn't have a mobile device, he or she can share with a friend.

The teacher will need a computer with internet access projected to a screen so the class can see the quiz together. Once you've created your free account, go to the link provided in the lesson above. Click on "Play," select the "Teach" option, and choose the "Classic"

format. Tell the students the unique PIN for your class to access the student side of the quiz.

## DIVIDE AND CONQUER

If you are running short on time for any activity, divide up the questions and assign them to individuals or pairs of students. Give them a set amount of time to find the answers. (There are free countdown timers on YouTube for any amount of time.) At the end of the time, have them share their answers with the class.

## CLOSING PRAYER OPTIONS

### Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and all evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### Luther's Evening Prayer

I thank You, my Heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day, and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but

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deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

**PRE-CLASS MATERIALS****Bulletin Insert**

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**Parent Communication**

*Following are some paragraphs you may copy and paste into your church's newsletter or share at a parents' meeting with your youth group's parents to keep them in the loop about what their teens are learning at church.*

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After Bible study, we encourage you to talk to your child about what they discussed. Look at the pre- and post-lesson questions and see what they can tell you. If you or your child still has questions or feels confused, you are encouraged to speak to the pastor or Bible study leader to further your understanding and learning.

**GROUP TEXTS**

*If you have group chats/texts with your youth groups, here are some examples of texts you may send as conversation starters and teasers to invite and follow up after class about this topic. You can also use them for introductory and filler conversation during your group discussion.*

**Pre-Lesson**

- What are some concrete examples of the effects of sin?
- Is there a sin that God can't or won't forgive?
- What sins are difficult for us to discuss?

**Post-Lesson**

- If you have known someone who has had an abortion, were you able to see any effects of that sin?
- How can you approach someone if you find out she has had an abortion?