

According to Mayo Clinic, "most kids are fully toilet trained by age 5, but between the ages of 5 and 7, bed-wetting remains a problem for some children." It's a problem for about 20% of 5-year-olds and about 10% of 7-year-olds.

Why is this important to our Pregnancy and Life Resources staff? It's important because a significant number of our clients need diapers in sizes 5 and up to help their kids stay dry through the night. Larger diapers = Higher prices.

If you're planning to donate disposable diapers for our clients, please consider giving some large diapers. Or maybe you'd like to send a check to help us buy large-size diapers for the kids who need them.

Therefore, as God's elect, holy and loved, clothe yourselves with heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.

Colossians 3:12 EHV

Looking for a pleasant break from your routine?

Here's an opportunity to enjoy yourself while you serve others! Volunteer to help at the PLR office for as long, as often, or as little as you like. Just leave your name and number at 847-949-4443. You'll be glad you did!



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A Shepherd's Message

What do you say to your niece sitting across from you in your favorite coffee shop, in tears because the guilt of a night of bad decisions and a secret abortion has been eating her alive for months?

Her tears and guilt tell you that her heart has been cut deep. She is spiritually hemorrhaging as her conscience accuses her relentlessly.

What she desperately needs are words of love that speak the truth of forgiveness in Christ to her. Words to remind her of God's long arms that are mighty to save. Words of healing that will bandage her heart and relieve her soul. Words God gave us through Saint Paul, as he wrote to Christians with a history of sexual sin.

"And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 6:11)

To speak these life-giving words is a glorious privilege. May God give you the strength to speak them boldly, even if the only one you're speaking to is yourself.

Rev. Thomas Nicholson Resurrection Lutheran Church, Aurora, IL

For more on the important topic of post-abortion,

visit the Christian Life Resources website to read:

The Journey of Forgiveness — A Look at the Abortion Decision

Education?

You probably know that Planned Parenthood is the largest single provider of abortions in the U.S. You may not be aware that Planned Parenthood also describes itself as the nation's largest provider of sex education. But is it education?



A recently released Planned Parenthood video titled "Virginity" features a smiling woman standing at a chalkboard in what looks like a classroom. Below are excerpts. Some parts of the video were inappropriate for this newsletter and were omitted. Omissions are noted as "XXX." Planned Parenthood says:

"Virginity. What is it? And what's the big deal about losing it? Let me cut to the chase. Virginity is a completely made-up concept. It's a term that was created simply to control and shame people, mainly women. Hmm."

"A virgin is someone who's never had sex. But it's not as simple as it seems. For one thing, medically, virginity isn't a real thing." XXX

"Another reason the idea of virginity is complete nonsense is that sex means different things to different people. Generally speaking, society tends to define sex in a very narrow way."

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"Either way, shame has no place in someone's personal decisions about sex. It's time to throw away the notion of losing your virginity. What if instead of losing something we reframe it as gaining, because the truth is when we

make our own decision to become sexually active, we aren't setting ourselves up to lose anything at all. We hope we are gaining things like intimacy, self-insight, pleasure, and empowerment."

"All of these myths around sex and virginity can be so hurtful and overwhelming. But here is the one truth you should remember, sex is defined by one thing and one thing only -- you." XXX

"That's the beauty of your sexual journey. You're in charge, and you can figure it out on your own terms. Choosing to have sex — when, what kind, where, who with - is something that only you get to define."

Clearly, this is <u>not</u> education. It is deception, distortion, dissimulation, delusion, and manipulation. Just as Satan deceived and manipulated Adam and Eve, the seductive message in this video fouls God's gift of sex and is designed to encourage children and teens to deny the truth of God's Word and to make "Self" their god.

Be aware of what your children hear and see!

... Be alert. Your adversary, the Devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. I Peter 5:8 EHV

<u>Teach</u> your kids the truth: God's Word!

Sanctify them by the truth. Your Word is truth. John 17:17

Be an example to your kids and everyone around you by living a Christ-centered life!

Flee from sexual immorality! I Corinthians 6:18a EHV ... be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. Eph. 5:1

<u>Pray</u> for those who promote sin, for those who accept their lies, and for our sinful selves.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. John 1:9 EHV