

MATURATION AND SEXUAL REPRODUCTION

UNIT STUDY

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Unit Information



Journal

All of The Good & the Beautiful science units include activities for a science journal. For each child, prepare a 1" to 2" 3-ring binder to function as his or her science journal. Tabbed divider pages can be used to separate the different units. Also, have wide-ruled paper and blank white paper on hand for journal activities. All completed journal activities are to be kept in the science binder. You may also consider having children create a cover for their journals, which they insert under the clear cover of the binder.



Lesson Mini Books

Some lessons in this unit incorporate science mini books that require very little assembly. To make your mini books, simply print the pages single-sided, cut them in half along the dotted lines, stack the pages together, and staple twice along the left side.



Lesson Preparation

All of The Good & the Beautiful science units include easy-to-follow lesson preparation directions at the beginning of each lesson.



Science/Health Wall

All of The Good & the Beautiful science units include vocabulary words to be placed on your science wall, which is a wall (or a 3-fold presentation board) in your learning area on which you can attach the vocabulary words and other images. ***Print and cut out the vocabulary word cards at the beginning of the unit.*** The course will indicate when to place them on the wall.



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Supplies Needed

Lesson 1

Optional: a baby picture of each participating child

Lesson 7

None

Lesson 2

None

Lesson 8

Optional: Hygiene kit for each child; suggestions include

- soap or bodywash and face wash
- washcloth or sponge
- shampoo
- conditioner
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- floss
- deodorant
- brush or comb
- pads or tampons for girls
- razor and shaving cream
- fingernail clippers
- a special tote to hold it all

Lesson 3

Optional for lesson extension visuals: feminine hygiene products including tampons, pads, menstrual cups, and/or other menstrual products.

Lesson 4

None

Lesson 5

Scissors and glue for each child

Lesson 6

None

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Notes About this Unit

What world view and moral stance does this unit take?

This unit takes a non-denominational Christian view that the purpose of sex education is to train children to live virtuous, chaste lives, and that sex is designed by God to be between a husband and wife.

Bible references are from the King James Version of the Bible. In the lessons, Bible references are in purple text. Consider opening the family Bible or a personal copy of the Bible to read these scriptures with the children.

Should I do the instruction one-on-one or as a family?

This unit is designed to be a gentle approach to teaching maturation and sexual reproduction in the home. As parents, prayerfully decide whether it would be best to teach one-on-one with each child or as a family. Families with children close in age may choose family instruction. Even if you choose family instruction, ongoing private instruction and openness is important.

At what age should children do this unit, and should I teach all the lessons to every age?

A gradual and gentle sex education can be achieved by observing each child's questions and curiosity. Study each child; watch how they react; listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit in determining what, when, and how much to share with each child. Create an ongoing dialogue and opportunities for children to ask questions whenever they have them.

Younger children may not be ready to learn everything in this unit. We strongly suggest that you, as parents, read through this entire unit ahead of time. Use a highlighter and a pen to take notes and mark certain passages that you want to emphasize, or even cross off parts that you disagree with or that make you feel uncomfortable. Throughout the unit, discussion questions are underlined. As you pre-read the unit, write down notes and questions that you would like to discuss with your child/children. Think of personal experiences you wish to share and make notes. Pray for guidance to know how best to teach this unit with each child. Plan which lessons you will teach each child now and which lessons you will wait to teach until the child is older.

Should I repeat this unit?

Just as children cannot be expected to learn math facts, spelling, or important historical dates the first time they hear it, sex education must be repeated in order for the child to grasp the concepts. Knowledge, morals, and habits are acquired through time and consistency. A healthy sex education requires parents who listen, love, observe, and provide good examples. It is suggested that you repeat this unit as often as you feel it is needed.

Note that this unit, unlike most of our science and health units, does not have a suggested read-aloud list.