

Take my
hand



not my
life...

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I'm Alive!

My heart started to beat today and I'm only 21 days old and 1/8 of an inch long! It's just a bitty thing, but will last me my whole life through.

I'm 28 days old now my tiny arms are beginning to show. My little legs will follow in a couple days. And in just another week after that, little specks that will be my eyes and ears will begin to form. I wonder what it's like to see a bright yellow flower or to hear the birds sing.

My little fingers are forming now that I am 41 days old. They aren't ready to hold mom's hand yet, because they are so small and delicate. In a couple days I'll have toes, too.

I'm 8 weeks old now, and the secret is finally out. Mom got a test and found out she's pregnant! I bet she really knew already, because moms are like that.

I am only 10 weeks old, but I have been a fully formed person for a couple weeks now. I look just about like I will when I'm born, but I'm only a couple inches long. All of my organs are present. Of the 4500 parts that make up an adult, I've already got 4000 of them! All I need between now and birth is food and protection.

But guess what. My mom can decide to end my life now. Actually, she can end my life at any time she wants, right up until the moment I'm born. Some important people decided that I'm not a person and it's legal to kill me any time before I'm born.

How can that be fair? I'm a real person and I have a right to live!

Over 47 million unborn babies will never laugh or cry or see wildflowers in the meadow or waves break on the shore. Every year another 1.3 million babies will have their lives ended. Won't you take the hand of the littlest ones?

Milestones of Early Life



- ♦ On day 1 all of the child's inherited features are set – eye color, hair color, and gender. He or she is smaller than a grain of sand, but the instructions are present for all that this person will become.
- ♦ At 18-20 days the foundations of the brain, spinal cord, and nervous system are laid.
- ♦ At just 21 days the baby's heart begins to beat.
- ♦ At 52 days, spontaneous movement begins. In the next 4 weeks, baby hiccups, frowns, squints, moves arms and legs, stretches, and yawns.
- ♦ At 8 weeks, the baby is now well-proportioned, and about the size of a thumb. Every organ is present, and the heart beats steadily.
- ♦ At 10 weeks fingerprints and fingernails begin to develop. The eyelids now fuse together until month 7, protecting the delicate eyes.



Won't you Take My Hand?

1. Pray for an end to abortion.
2. Wear the "Precious Feet" pin. It is the exact size and shape of an unborn baby's feet at 10 weeks. (available on-line at www.hh76.com)
3. Volunteer your time with Pro-Life groups or Pregnancy Care Centers and support them financially.
4. Start a Pro-Life group at your church.
5. Share your convictions with your children and grandchildren.
6. Participate in Pro-Life events being held in your community.

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