Materials needed: Go to a dollar store and purchase three items that cost exactly the same.

Devotion: This morning I would like to play a little game with you. I have placed three items in front of you, and I’ll tell you a little bit about them. I just purchased them from the store. I want to see if you can guess which item is the most expensive. Let’s see a show of hands. Who says that item #1 is the most expensive? Who says that item #2 is the most expensive? Who says that item #3 is the most expensive? (Optional: ask for the whole congregation’s input – let them play the game, too.) I will give you the answer in a second or two.

Did you know that there are many, many people in our country who look at people in the same way as you are looking at these items? So many people think that one person’s life is more valuable than another. Some will say that a little baby isn’t as valuable as an adult or someone who’s already born. Some people say that if you’re really, really old and you have a sickness then your life isn’t as valuable as someone else’s who is healthy.

Did you know that all of these items came from the same dollar store? They all are worth exactly the same price. Not a single item is more valuable than another.

That is exactly how our God looks at people – whether they are still in their mother’s womb or whether they are very old and everyone in between. God considers us all extremely valuable. And He loves all of us the same. Do you know how we know that’s true? It’s because God sent His Son Jesus to take away the sins of everyone. And He tells us that He wants everyone to be in heaven.

Jesus loves all people the same. He wants them all in heaven. That’s why He tells us to protect life so that everyone can know and hear about Jesus.

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