

Teacher Lesson Plan for Adoption Awareness Worksheet

Discussion topics for teacher:

- Explaining adoption (open, semi-open, closed)
 - Open (birth parent chooses adoptive family, letters, pictures, visits, child has opportunity to get to know birth family)
 - Semi-open (birth parent chooses adoptive family, limited contact with adopted child/family)
- International adoption and domestic adoptions
 - Infant adoption
 - Foster care adoption
 - Relative adoption
 - Stepparent adoption
- Why might someone choose adoption?
 - Difficult circumstances (cannot provide the life they want their child to have — two parents, safe and stable home) NOT because the child is unwanted
 - Child in need of a family (orphan, foster care, various difficult circumstances)
 - Parents who are unable to have a child on their own
- Every family looks different but each are part of God's family
 - Some children only have one mom or one dad
 - Some children live with their relative (aunt/uncle, grandparents, etc.)
 - Some children were adopted into a new family
- What are birth parents and adoptive parents
 - Birth parents have a biological connection to the child
 - Adoptive parents adopt a child of other parents as their own child
- Placing a child for adoption is a selfless act of love
 - Birth parents placing their child for adoption is a selfless act. They have decided that they love their child so much that they are putting the child's needs ahead of their own.

Notes:

Matthew 12:48-50:

Discuss how different families are formed and what they might look like. (bi-racial, multiple races, stepparents, single parents, children raised by grandparents/aunts/uncles, biological, adopted, etc.)

Adoption True/False

Answers:

1. Adoption is another way to create a family. **True!**
2. Adopted children are unwanted children. **False.** Adopted children are every bit as wanted as other children. Birth parents choose to place their child for adoption because they want their child to have a life that they do not think they can give. Adoptive parents decided to adopt because they have a strong wish for a child.
3. Adoption is forever. **True!**
4. Adoptive parents are not real parents. **False.** Adoptive parents are every bit as real as birth parents. Just because they do not share the same genes they still are family. Adoptive parents have chosen to love and care for their child in every way.
5. Adoption is a selfless act of love. **True!**

