Created Sexual: Male and Female

Topic 5

We Grow and Change

Love lights the lamp of human development.

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Expectations

The students will:

• describe some basic features of growth and development between birth and childhood.

• recognize that they will continue to grow and develop.

Note to the Teacher

In the final topic of Theme Three, the students explore the amazing changes that take place in the first year of a newborn’s life, and consider some of the other ways in which they have grown and developed since birth.

While growth and development in children does follow a generally predictable timetable, it is also true that each child has a unique pattern of development. It is important for the children to understand that their growth and development will not be exactly the same as others in the classroom. Although comparisons with classmates are normal, it is important that such comparisons do not assume too much importance. Biggest, fastest, smartest do not measure the value of the person, only a particular set of skills. This perspective is especially important in classrooms with children who have special needs. It is important to acknowledge and honour differences in people, reaffirming that each is created in the image and likeness of God.