







# NO MATTER HOW SMALL

An Issue Life Night

## LIFE NIGHT OUTLINE

set of discussion questions. At the end of the small group, the leader should give each teen a “Prayer for Life” card.

### **Clip 1 – DVD Chapter 9: “Keep It To Yourself”**

In this clip Morton (Horton’s mouse best friend) tries to convince Horton to keep quiet about the speck on the clover. (End the clip after Morton says, “Try”)

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you ever think about the pro-life issues? How do you feel about them?
2. Are your family and friends supportive of your views on this issue?
3. Who do you think you are more like: Morton or Horton? Why?
4. Why do you think people are afraid to stand up for life?

### **Clip 2 – DVD Chapter 15: “No Matter How Small”**

In this clip Kangaroo confronts Horton about the speck. For the first time, Horton stands up to Kangaroo and declares “A persons a person no matter how small” (End clip after Kangaroo says, “I’m going to make you pay”)

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think pro-life issues generate so much passion in people?
2. Have you ever had to deal with people who oppose your beliefs? What did you do?
3. How is the dignity of all human life attacked? What is the opposition to pro-life issues look like in your life?
4. How can you take a stand for life both in big ways and small ways?

The “Prayer for Life” card can be found on pages 24-25.

## **SEND** 15 Minutes

### **THE POWER OF ONE VOICE** (3 min)

Bring the group back together and transition into the Send with a final clip from the movie. The clip is DVD Chapter 29 1:30- Chapter 30 1:00 (it starts with Jojo and his dad riding a bike and ends with Jojo saying “Dad, you’re one of the greats!”). After the clip, make the point that one voice can have a huge impact. In particular, one voice lifted up in prayer can create miracles.

### **SPIRITUAL ADOPTION** (12 min)

This night ends with an opportunity for the teens to make their voice heard. The youth minister will explain the concept of spiritual adoption and then invite the teens to participate in this form of prayer (if they want to).

Spiritual adoption consists in personal daily prayer over nine months for a child in danger of being killed by abortion. This commitment is made by a public promise to God, in the presence of a priest and/or congregation. Each person making the commitment makes it for the protection and defense of one child whose identity is known to God. The person making this commitment can name the child and then lift that child and his/her mother up in prayer daily for 9 months. Spiritual adoption is a form of expiation for the sins of infanticide, especially those committed by physicians, midwives, and nurses.

Encourage the teens to think of a name for the child and write it on the prayer card. Remind them that this is a commitment to pray for that child for 9 months. Even though we will probably never meet the children we pray for, we believe in the power of prayer and that these children will have a chance to live because of our prayers.

In the last scene of the movie, we see not only the power of one voice – but also what happens when many voices are combined in a common goal. “WE ARE HERE!” It took EVERY voice to be heard. It took boldness and courage to work together to be heard. It is no different with us. Close the night by challenging the teens to make a public commitment to stand for life and join their voice with others who seek to defend and protect life as well.



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