

# **The Adoption Option: A Solution for an Unplanned Pregnancy**

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## **Test Your Adoption Knowledge!**

Answer **True** or **False** for each of the following statements. Answers are provided on the following page.

1. Babies that are placed for adoption are unwanted and unloved.

True                       False

2. After a birth mother places her baby for adoption, she easily forgets about the baby.

True                       False

3. It is easier to abort an unborn child than to place a baby for adoption.

True                       False

4. Adopted children grow up knowing nothing about their birth parents.

True                       False

5. Adopted children grow up feeling bitter and rejected.

True                       False

## Answers

1. Babies that are placed for adoption are unwanted and unloved.

**False**

While the pregnancy is unplanned, the decision to place a baby for adoption is made out of love and concern for the baby. Choosing to give a baby life and a chance at a better childhood through adoption is a loving choice made in the best interest of the child. Many birth parents desire to raise their baby, but know that they are not in a position to provide what their child needs.

2. After a birth mother places her baby for adoption, she easily forgets about the baby.

**False**

The decision to place a baby for adoption is one of the hardest decisions a birth mother will make in her life. Most birth mothers feel an intense connection to and motherly love toward their baby. A birth mother never forgets about the baby she placed for adoption. As time goes by, she may not think about the baby every day, but the child she placed for adoption forever remains a part of her life.

3. It is easier to abort an unborn child than to place a baby for adoption.

**False**

Aborting a baby and placing a baby for adoption are both difficult and painful choices. Both are choices that a birth parent must live with for the rest of his or her life. With adoption, the birth parents can take comfort in the gift of life and love they gave their child and the adoptive parents. With adoption, the birth parent also has the opportunity to know the child.

4. Adopted children grow up knowing nothing about their birth parents.

**False**

Open Adoption allows the birth parents and the adoptive parents to meet and get to know each another. Adoptive parents then can help the child know about his or her birth parents. In Open Adoptions with ongoing contact between the child and the birth parents, the adopted child has firsthand knowledge of his or her birth parents.

5. Adopted children grow up feeling bitter and rejected.

**False**

The vast majority of adopted children grow up to be well-adjusted adults who feel loved and secure in their adoptive homes. They can even grow up to make a significant contribution to our society like Dave Thomas the founder of Wendy's Restaurants and the Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption.