

Lesson Number	Title of the Lesson	Skills	Activity
21	Concerns and Issues in Human Development	Creative thinking Decision Making	Prepare a small talk of 150 to 200 words on the topic: Discrimination against the Girl Child
		Problem solving Critical Thinking	

### **Summary:**

Many children do not get adequate environment and facilities to develop. They are deprived either socially, emotionally or economically. Neglect for girl child is quite rampant in our country despite the efforts of the Government and Non-government Agencies to put a stop to it. Similarly, Child Labour is also prevalent despite making parents aware about the hazards children face and the deprivation of education and play opportunities. Differently abled children and children infected with HIV are treated very unkindly by the society. Due to neglect, lack of love and peer pressure some children slip into drug abuse and delinquency. For this they are further mistreated by the society. Despite the efforts to rehabilitate and empower the underprivileged, many children have to still face discrimination. Awareness, empathy and sensitivity towards such children can help them to lead a dignified life.

### **Principal Points**

#### **1. Discrimination against the Girl Child**

- Not allowed to take birth, killed in the womb
- Treated as unwanted, is uncared and disrespected
- Considered as the workforce of the family since childhood
- In most cases deprived of education
- In some cases, breast fed for a shorter period and served leftover food
- Deprived of good medical aid when sick
- Married off at a very young age, when the body and mind both are not mature enough to understand the relationship and responsibilities

#### **2. Role of Education in Improving the Condition of a Girl Child**

- Creates awareness
- Prepares for financial independence
- Gives confidence
- Develops skills
- Provides employment
- Delays early marriage
- Helps in becoming a well-informed consumer, homemaker, mother

### **3. Delinquency**

- Acts of violation of law by children below 16 years in boys and below 18 years in girls
- Is not punishable by law

### **4. Examples of Delinquent Acts**

- Forgery
- Violence
- Stealing
- Habitually telling lies
- Sexual crimes
- Drug peddling, drug abuse
- Suicidal acts

### **5. Causes of Juvenile Delinquency**

- Poverty
- Lack of enriching facilities/opportunities
- Bad company
- Violence shown by media
- Parental discord
- Insecurity
- Lack of love and attention
- Early exposure to sexual act/information

## **Build your understanding**

### **1. Causes of Child Labour**

- Poverty
- Illiteracy
- Ignorance
- Orphaned, abandoned, rejected children
- Nimble fingers and keen eyesight
- Cheap labour

### **2. Consequences of Child Labour**

- Permanent disability due to bad posture and long working hours
- Infectious diseases due to unhygienic working places and overcrowding
- Remain unschooled

## What is Important to Know

### 1. Types of Physical Disability



### 2. Ways to help a Disabled Child

- Early medical checkup and treatment
- Help provided to tackle life along with the disability
- Provide opportunities for education and for learning skills
- Encourage the use of substitutes like crutches, braces, artificial limbs
- Encourage to interact with normal children
- Encourage the blind to develop other senses like touch and hearing
- Encourage the deaf to lip read, use hearing aids, sign language

### 3. Guidelines to help Mentally Retarded

- Never use derogatory words like Idiot, Stupid
- Encourage Independence
- If the retardation is not much, then involve in work and learning a skill
- Enroll in special schools where they can be trained in some vocation

## Did you know

### Causes and Symptoms of Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Disease	Causes	Symptoms
<b>RTI</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reproductive tract infection</li> <li>• Microorganisms infect areas around reproductive parts</li> <li>• Infection transmitted through sexual act with an infected person</li> </ul>	
<b>STD</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sexually transmitted disease</li> <li>• Examples: Syphilis, Gonorrhoea Bacterial infection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fever</li> <li>• Sores on skin, throat, genital area</li> <li>• Rashes on hands, feet, palm</li> <li>• White patches in the mouth</li> <li>• Acne like warts in the groin area</li> <li>• Hair falls in patches from the infected area</li> </ul>
<b><u>HIV/AIDS</u></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human immuno deficiency virus/ Acquired immuno deficiency</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Immune system gets affected</li> <li>• Susceptibility to infection</li> </ul>

	<p>syndrome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Caused by retrovirus</li> <li>• Transmitted through sexual contact with an infected person</li> <li>• Through blood transfusion from an infected person</li> <li>• Through milk of infected mother to the infant/child</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fatigue</li> <li>• Diarrhea</li> <li>• Severe weight loss</li> <li>• Night sweating</li> <li>• Prolonged fever lasting several weeks</li> <li>• Swollen lymph glands in armpits, neck, groin</li> <li>• Red, brown, pink or purple blotches on or under the skin, inside the mouth, nose or eyelids</li> <li>• Tuberculosis</li> <li>• AIDS is a syndrome or a combination of diseases</li> <li>• AIDS manifests after 10 years of being infected with HIV</li> </ul>
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## **Extend your Horizon**

### **1. Remedial and Preventive Measures for Delinquents**

- Eradication of Poverty
- Provide recreational facilities
- Parent to give more time, love and attention
- Give training for a vocation so that earning capacity is developed
- Admit in remand and correctional homes in serious cases

### **2. Measures to help Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Children**

- Provide Education
- Give incentives like free books/stationary
- Provide vocational training
- Encourage and enhance self confidence

### **3. Myths and Misconceptions about HIV Transmission**

- It spreads through physical contact
- Spreads through body contact in crowded places
- Sharing cups/ plates can cause infection
- Playing with an infected person
- Sharing clothes/books/food
- Sleeping in the same room
- Sharing toilets/bathroom
- Smiling and laughing together
- Kissing and hugging

### **4. Precautions for Safe Motherhood**

- Avoid early age marriage and pregnancy

- Avoid late age pregnancy
- Plan the family, Avoid multiple births
- Gap of 2-3 years between two children
- Qualified doctor, nurse, dai to perform the delivery
- Presence of an experienced person during pregnancy and delivery
- Neonate to be cleaned and the cord to be cut with a sanitized blade, tied with a cord and the wound kept dry
- Breast feeding recommended

#### **5. Safety Methods to Plan a family**

- Rhythm Method
- Mechanical Methods: use of condoms and diaphragms
- Intra Uterine Devices
- Chemical Methods: jellies, creams, pills
- Surgical Methods: sterilization, vasectomy, tubectomy

### **Evaluate yourself**

- List four causes for child labour
- How can we help a delinquent child? Give four ways

### **Maximize your marks:**

- Attempt all the exercises given in the lesson
- Give six ways in which a mentally retarded child can be helped