

# How God Made You!

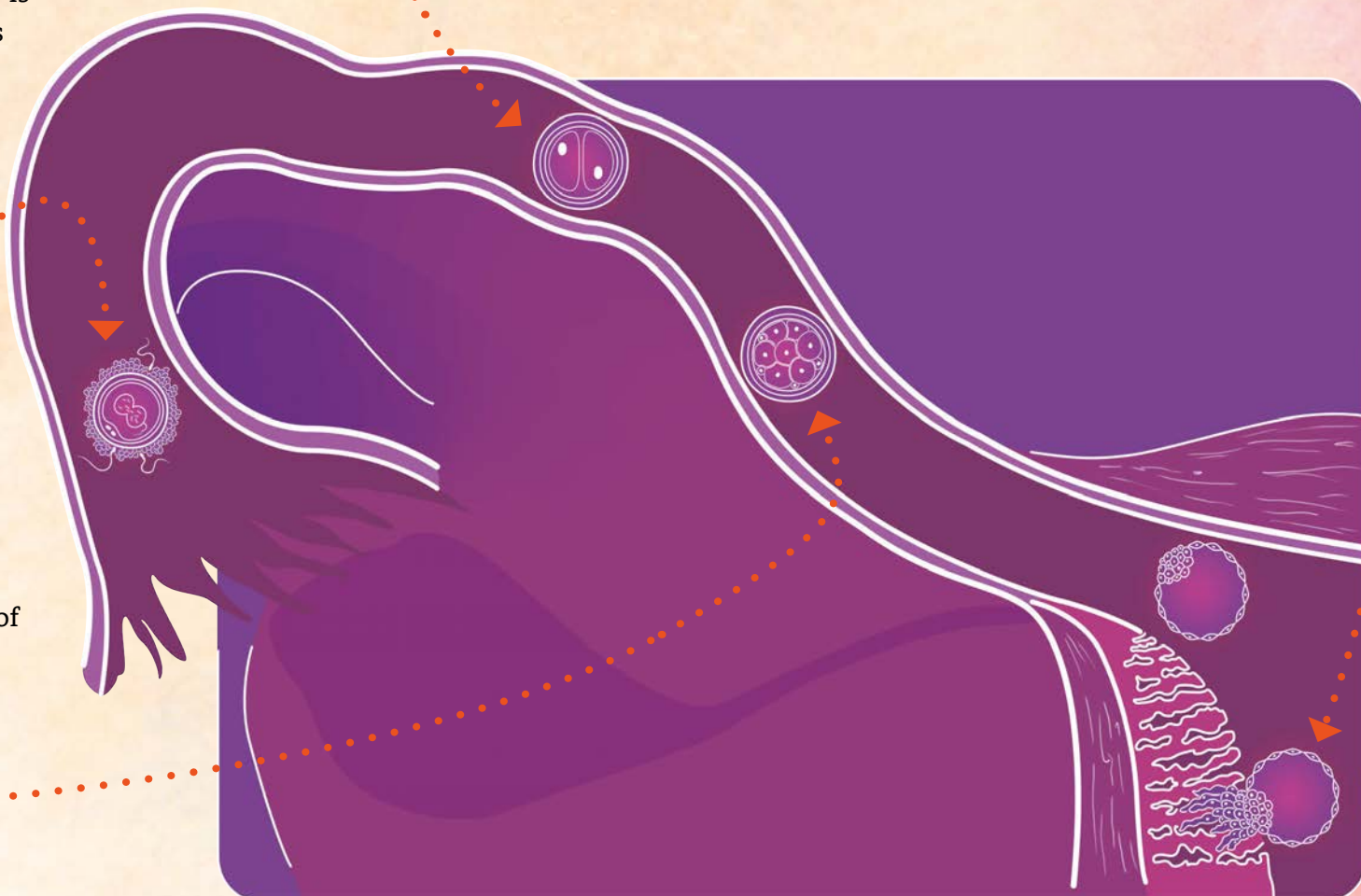
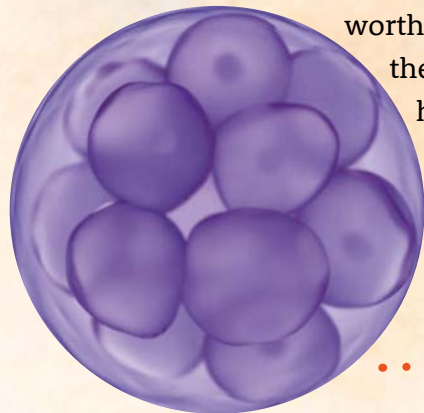
**Day 2** The baby is now made of two cells, and at this stage is called an embryo. The baby begins the short journey inside mom to a special place called the uterus (or womb). Mom's uterus was designed by God to be the safe, warm place where the baby will develop until she is born.

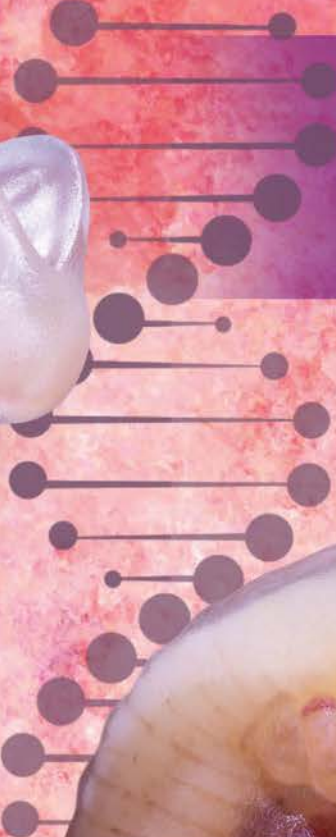
**Day 6** The baby grows and develops into many more cells and nestles herself in the uterus. A new structure begins to form called the placenta. This will provide the baby with what she needs as she grows. The baby is the size of a grain of sand or a single piece of glitter.

**Day 1** The moment dad's DNA combines with mom's DNA, the baby begins. This process is called fertilization and, at this stage, the baby is called a zygote. The zygote is a unique human being made in the image of God, just like every other human being. The baby is only one cell and the size of a speck of dust.


Sadly, some people use the word "tissue" or "clump of cells" when referring to the baby so that the baby's life doesn't seem valuable or worth protecting. But

the baby is a baby, a human being, right from the moment of fertilization!






When a baby is very little in his mother's womb, he looks different from when he is born. But, right from the beginning, no matter what he looks like, he is a human being made in God's image! As he grows and develops, he is just as valuable as a baby who has been born.



**Week 5** The baby's brain, spinal cord, and nerves (which connect the brain to the rest of the body and help you move and feel) are growing. The eyes and ears start to form and the heart starts beating! The baby is the size of a sesame seed or a candy button.



**Week 6** A structure referred to as arches near the baby's head will grow into bones and muscles of the baby's head and neck. The baby is the size of a candy Nerd™.



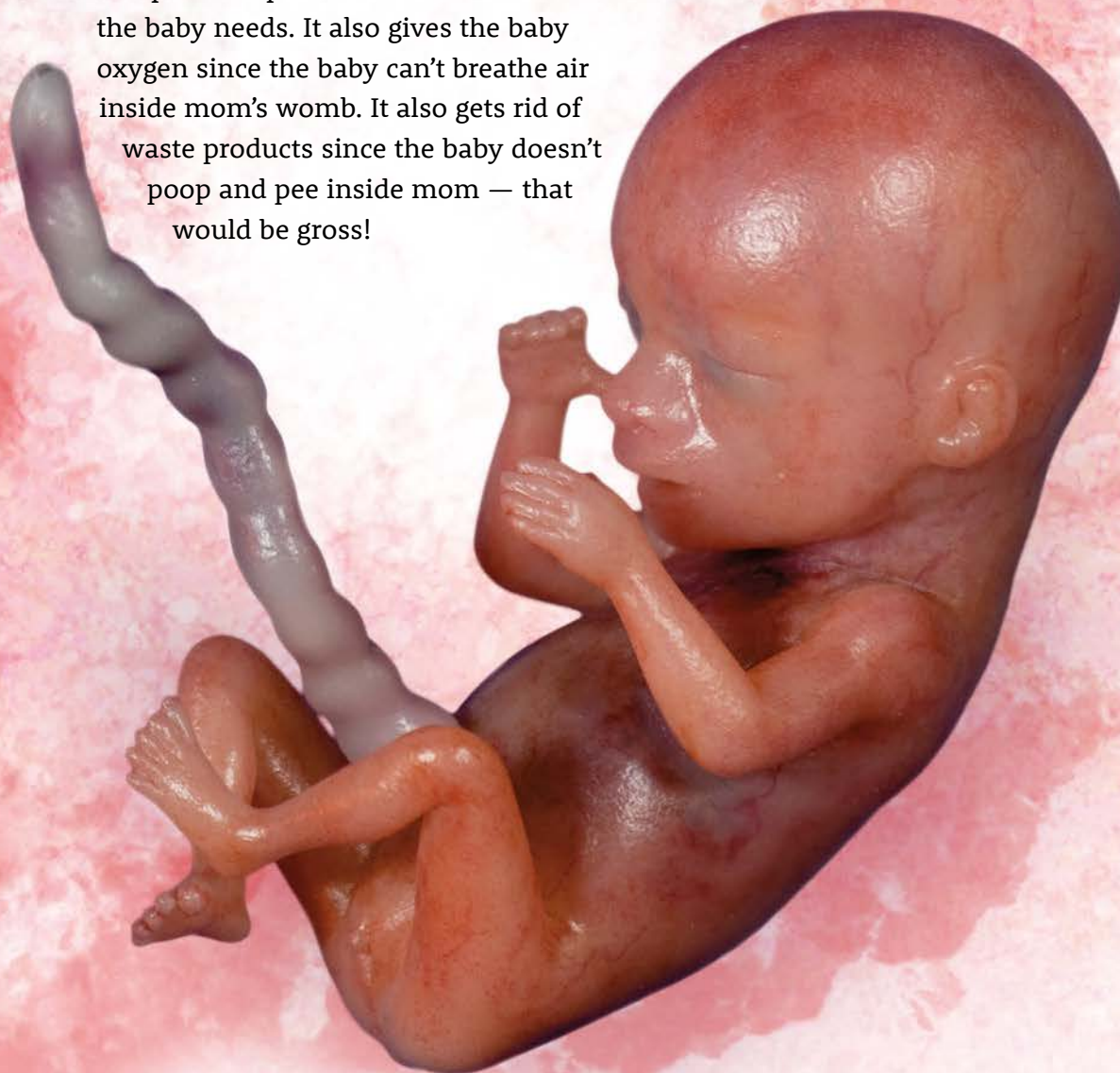
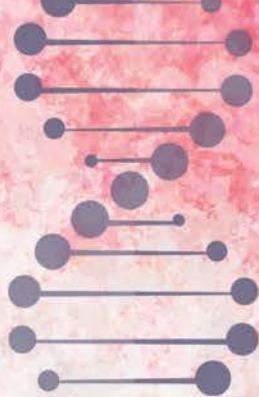
**Week 8** The baby's arms and hands and legs and feet can now be seen. The skin is see-through and baby's growing organs can be seen. The baby is the size of a gummy bear or an app icon.


**Week 11** All of the baby's organs have developed and will continue to grow. If mom gets an ultrasound (a special device that lets people see the baby growing in mom's uterus), she may be able to find out from the doctor if the baby is a boy or a girl! The baby is now called a fetus and is the size of a golf ball.

**Week 12** The baby can wiggle her fingers. Fingernails and fingerprints start to form. Take a look at your thumb. Do you see the patterns and shapes? Every person on the planet has unique fingerprints — no two are alike! The baby is the size of a chicken tender.

**Week 14** The placenta that began to grow on day 6 is now fully formed. The placenta provides all the food the baby needs. It also gives the baby oxygen since the baby can't breathe air inside mom's womb. It also gets rid of waste products since the baby doesn't poop and pee inside mom — that would be gross!

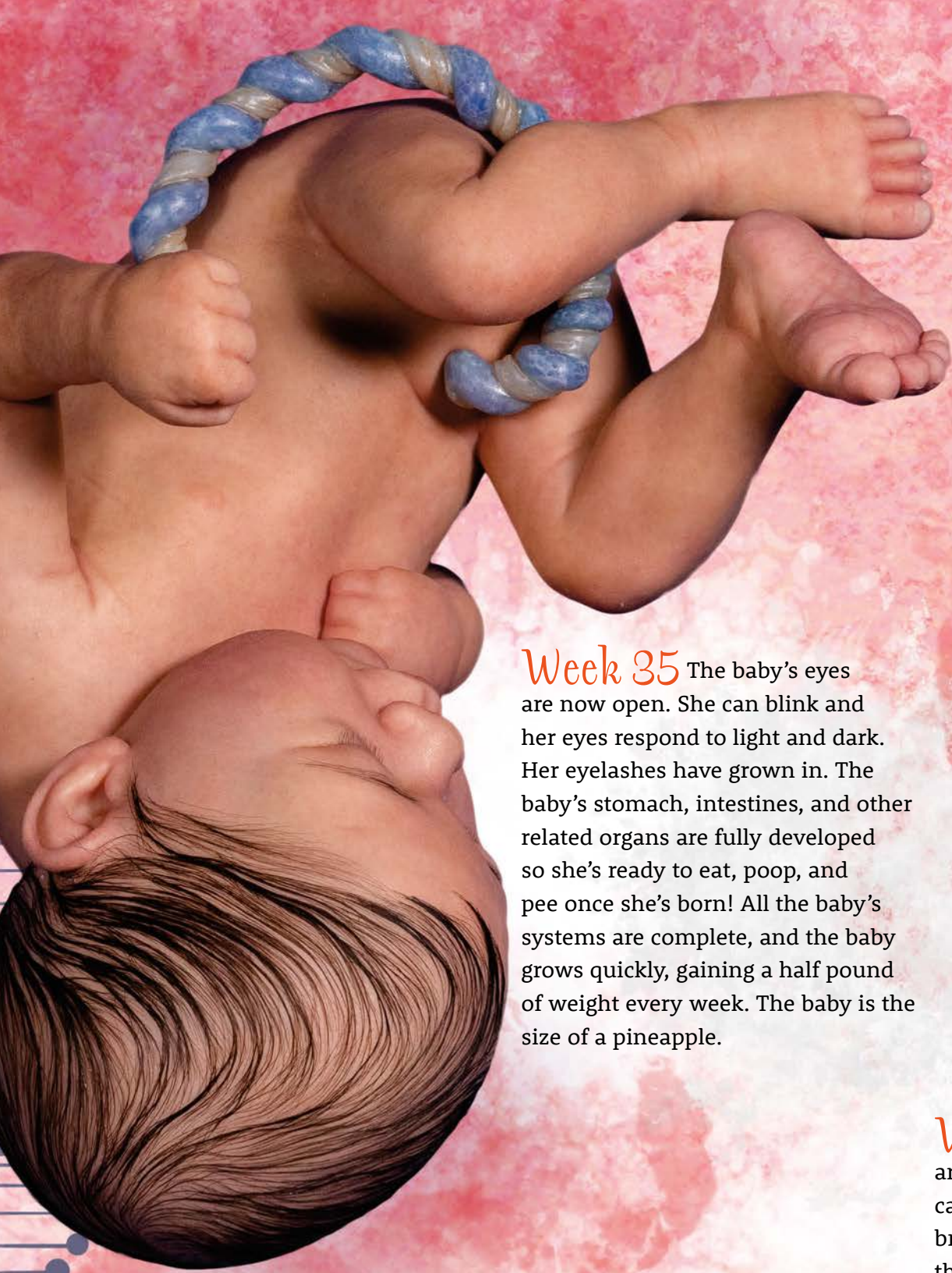
**Week 20** Even though the baby's eyes have not opened yet, the baby can sense light. The baby can even hear sounds like voices and music outside of mom's womb! The baby's hair is growing, and she can now taste and swallow. The baby is the size of a banana.





**Week 23** The baby begins to kick and stretch, and mom can feel the baby move. The baby is “working out” and her muscles are growing stronger! The baby is the size of a grapefruit.

**Week 27** Colored hair can now be seen growing on the baby’s head. The baby “breathes” the fluid that surrounds her. She is practicing for her first breath outside mom’s womb! The baby has developed a sleep schedule but many times the baby is awake and moving when mom is trying to sleep! The baby is the size of a head of cauliflower.



**Week 35** The baby's eyes are now open. She can blink and her eyes respond to light and dark. Her eyelashes have grown in. The baby's stomach, intestines, and other related organs are fully developed so she's ready to eat, poop, and pee once she's born! All the baby's systems are complete, and the baby grows quickly, gaining a half pound of weight every week. The baby is the size of a pineapple.



**Week 40** The baby's lungs are fully developed so the baby can breathe when she's born. The brain is also fully mature, and the baby is ready to be born! The baby is the size of a soccer ball.