

## The Growth of The Unborn Baby

Here we are again, looking at the scan that shows the unborn baby.



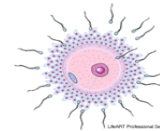
Remember what our faith tells us, how God knew us before we were born.



Let's now see how the baby grows inside the mother.



## First Three Months

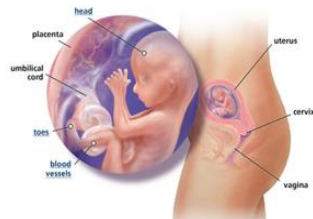


Remember the fertilized egg? It has now grown so fast that by three months, it looks like a baby.



The baby is now inside the womb/uterus of the mother.

## Four Months



The baby can move inside it's mother. It can suck on it's thumb. It can 'wee'.

## Five Months



The baby is surrounded by a sac of fluid to protect it from being bumped about. It's skin needs to be waterproof and therefore it is covered in a white substance called 'Vernix'.

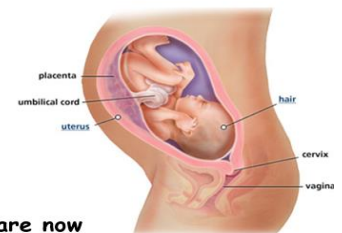
## Six Months



The baby now has it's own fingerprints and footprints.

If it was born early - (premature) it may live if it was in an incubator.

## Seven and Eight Months

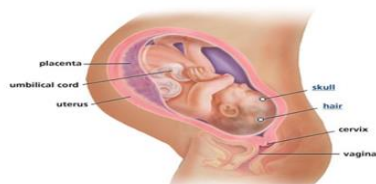


The baby's lungs are now more developed and it can breathe better.

The baby may now have hair, although some babies are born without hair.

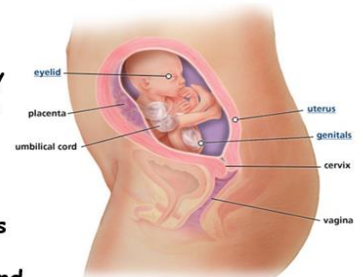
**How is the baby fed when in the womb, so that it can grow?**

## Nine Months



The baby is now fully grown in the womb and ready to be born.

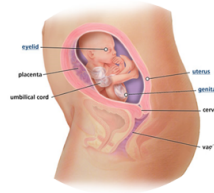
Placenta - are special cells that keep the baby attached to it's mother.



Umbilical Cord - is a special cord that carries the nourishment from what the mother eats and drinks, to the baby.

## How the baby is born

While she is pregnant, a woman does not ovulate (does not have periods), because the uterus is carrying the baby.



When the baby is ready to be born, the uterus has really strong muscles which start to push the baby out into the world through the woman's vagina. The woman's vagina stretches to allow this to happen.

## What should a mother NOT DO when she is pregnant?

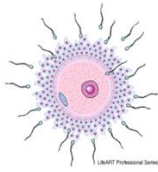


Smoke - anyone know why?

Drink Alcohol - anyone know why?

Take drugs - anyone know why?

## How are twins made?

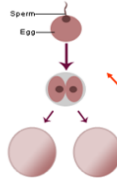


Do you remember the cells at the very beginning of life? What's it called?

Identical Twins - one egg, one sperm but the cells split into two.

OR, Non Identical twins - there are two eggs and two sperm.

## How are twins made?



One egg is released but splits in two. Identical twins are made.

Two eggs are released and fertilised by two sperm. This is when non identical twins are made.

