## PRECIOUS LIVES - POSTERS

## Precious One

Some people think that my life begins at birth; but my life's journey began long before I was born.....

## 12 Week Old Preborn Baby

- Week 1: Conception; the baby is smaller than a grain of sugar, but the instructions are present for all that this person will ever become.
- Week 2: The baby attaches and burrows securely into the wall of its mother's womb.
- Week 3: The baby's blood vessels and sex cells form. Foundations of the brain, spinal cord and the nervous system are laid.
- Week 4: The baby's heart has begun to beat. Eyes, ears and lungs begin to form.
- Week 5: Tiny arms and legs appear, as well as the baby's face. The baby's blood is now separate from the mother's.
- Week 6: Tiny fingers and toes develop. The baby's brain is divided into 3 parts for emotion and language, hearing and seeing.
- Week 7: Buds of the baby's milk teeth appear. 99% of the muscles are present, and the brain activity is detectable.
- Week 8: The baby begins spontaneous movement and is now well proportioned, about the size of a thumb. Every organ is present, but immature. The skull, elbows and knees are forming.
- Week 9: If prodded, hands and eyelids close. Genitalia become visible, indicating whether the baby is a boy or a girl. Muscular movement begins.
- Week 10: The baby's fingerprints begin to form. Nerve and muscle connections have tripled. Eyelids fuse together temporarily to protect the baby's delicate developing eyes.
- Week 11: The baby "practices" breathing and facial expressions, even smiling. The baby can urinate and the stomach muscles can contract.
- Week 12: The baby is now 3 inches in length and weighs 2 oz. with fine hair on the face. The baby is able to swallow and feels and responds to skin stimulation.

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