## **Essentials for the Newborn**

**Ezekiel 16:1-6** 

#### **Ezekiel 16:1-2**

The word of the Lord came to me <sup>2</sup> "Son of man, confront Jerusalem with her detestable practices.

#### Ezekiel 16:3

and say, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says to Jerusalem: Your ancestry and birth were in the land of the Canaanites; your father was an Amorite and your mother a Hittite.

#### Ezekiel 16:5

No one looked on you with pity or had compassion enough to do any of these things for you. Rather, you were thrown out into the open field, for on the day you were born you were despised.

# 1. Help cut the cord of the world.

Ezekiel 16:4a

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#### John 15:1-2

I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup> He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.

## 2. Help wash off the afterbirth with the Word.

Ezekiel 16:4b

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### Ephesians 5:25-26

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her <sup>26</sup> to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word,

## 3. Teach tough love.

### Ezekiel 16:4c

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#### Matthew 5:13

You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

## 4. Give a hug.

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On the day you were born your cord was not cut, nor were you washed with water to make you clean, nor were you rubbed with salt or wrapped in cloths.



#### Isaiah 66:13

As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; and you will be comforted over Jerusalem.

# 5. Share God's Word and Love for sticking power.

Ezekiel 16:6

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Then I passed by and saw you kicking about in your blood, and as you lay there in your blood I said to you, "Live!"

#### Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

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