



Baby Heaven Day

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The date is January 22nd, A.D. 2173, the 200th Anniversary of Roe v. Wade. Fay, a thirty five year old mother brushes her seven-year-old daughter Ellene's hair while preparing to leave for the celebration. In the background, the Bill Gaither Singers are singing, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas."

Ellene: Mommy, what is Baby Heaven Day?

Fay: It's the day we celebrate the babies that go to heaven dear. Did you use conditioner?

Ellene: Yes Mommy. Don't all babies go to Heaven?

Fay: Yes honey, but some get to go to heaven before they are born, they don't have to grow up and become adults.

Ellene: In Sunday school Mrs. Gent said that Heaven is wonderful! That Jesus is there, and angels, and pretty flowers. Ouch! Mommy that hurt.

Fay: Did you use conditioner?!

Ellene: No ma'am.

Fay: See?!

Ellene: Mommy, when we stand on the sidewalk and hold pictures of babies, did they already go to Heaven?

Fay: Oh no, honey. A long time ago people would hold up all sorts of pictures on BABY HEAVEN DAY, but we just hold up pictures of babies that got to stay here on earth with us.

Ellene: Then what do the Heaven babies look like Mommy?

Fay: Well I'm not sure sweetheart, but I think they have the faces of angels, with white fluffy wings on their backs, and golden crowns on their heads.

Ellene: Do they fly around!

Fay: Yes honey.

Ellene: Do they fly around with Jesus and look at the pretty flowers?!

Fay: Yes dear.

Ellene: Oh, tell me the story again mommy!!

Fay: Ok. A long time ago there lived a good man named Dr. Bright. Now Dr. Bright would travel around and ask mommies if they wanted their babies to go to Heaven. If they said yes, he would wave his arms, and the baby would come out of their mommy's belly and go straight to Heaven and be with Jesus. Well, one day, along came an evil monster named Pohil.

Ellene: Oooh.

Fay: Now Pohil didn't like good Dr. Bright, and didn't like babies going to Heaven to be with Jesus. He wanted all babies to stay here on earth.

Ellene: So what happened next?!

Fay: The evil monster Pohil sneaked up on good Dr. Bright, and cast a magic spell on him so that Dr. Bright disappeared. Then all the people were really afraid. So the government came and cast a spell on the monster Pohil, and he disappeared. Then all the people were glad.

Ellene: Then what happened?!

Fay: Well, since the good Dr. Bright was gone now, the government made a law that any mommy could have her baby go to heaven! And that's why every January we celebrate BABY HEAVEN DAY!

Ellene: I just love that story Mommy! I wish Good Dr. Bright would send me to Heaven!

Fay: Well, hurry up and get your coat dear, or we'll be too late to ride with the Pastor.



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