

## Lesson 25

# The Value of Homemaking and Mothering in the World

Rejoicing in God's Good Design



# Influential People

“The hand that rocks the cradle  
is the hand that rules the world.”





# The Breakdown of the Home

As biblical roles within the home have been ignored or rejected, confusion, pain, and grief have been the result in the home life of many.

Women often feel pressure to pursue professional careers like men do.

Some women view child-raising and homemaking with contempt.





# God's Word

## 1 Timothy 2:8-15

*“Yet she will be saved through childbearing—if they continue in faith and love and holiness, with self-control.”*

Childbearing = important work for women



# Designed for an Important Task

God designed women for the important task of bearing and nurturing the next generation of men and women.

- Work of helping husband
- Work of bearing and raising children
- Work of cultivating a family and working in the home

*Women should embrace their uniqueness and difference from men and thrive according to God's design.*





# The Importance of the Role

**2 Chronicles 22:2-3**

**Ahaziah  
(son)**

**Evil Influence**

**Athaliah  
(mother)**



# The Importance of the Role

2 Chronicles 21:4-6

**Ahab**



**Daughter  
Wife**

**Evil Influence**



**Jehoram**



Women have tremendous influence either for good or for evil, especially in their roles as wife and mother.

**JUDGMENT:  
incurable  
disease**



## **Rev. Edward Taylor Sullivan, early 1900s:**

“ ‘The great events of this world,’ says some one, ‘are not battles and earthquakes and hurricanes. The great events of this world are babies. They are earthquakes and hurricanes.’ ...Oh, the secrets that lie all about us hidden from our eyes! We glance at a tiny child, and we do not see, we do not know, what a thunderbolt of the Almighty is wrapped up in that little child.”





“‘I walked down the furrow in the field,’ said a humble mother who lived on a New Hampshire farm; ‘I walked down the furrow with the Governor of New Hampshire in my arms, and the Governor of Massachusetts clinging to my skirts.’ She said that afterwards, long afterwards, in her old age. For she knew not then, and no one knew, that her two baby boys would be governors of two New England states.”





# Women Training Women

Women have been given a great work and a great responsibility!

Young women are to be taught and trained by older women. Titus 2:3-5

This is a “ministry” that only women can do.

- Character: self-control, purity, and kindness
- Home life: love their families, work at home, be submissive to their own husbands





# Women's Work

She is to labor at home to make the home a place of nurture and happiness.





# The Home

“Into the woman’s keeping is committed the destiny of the generations to come after us.”

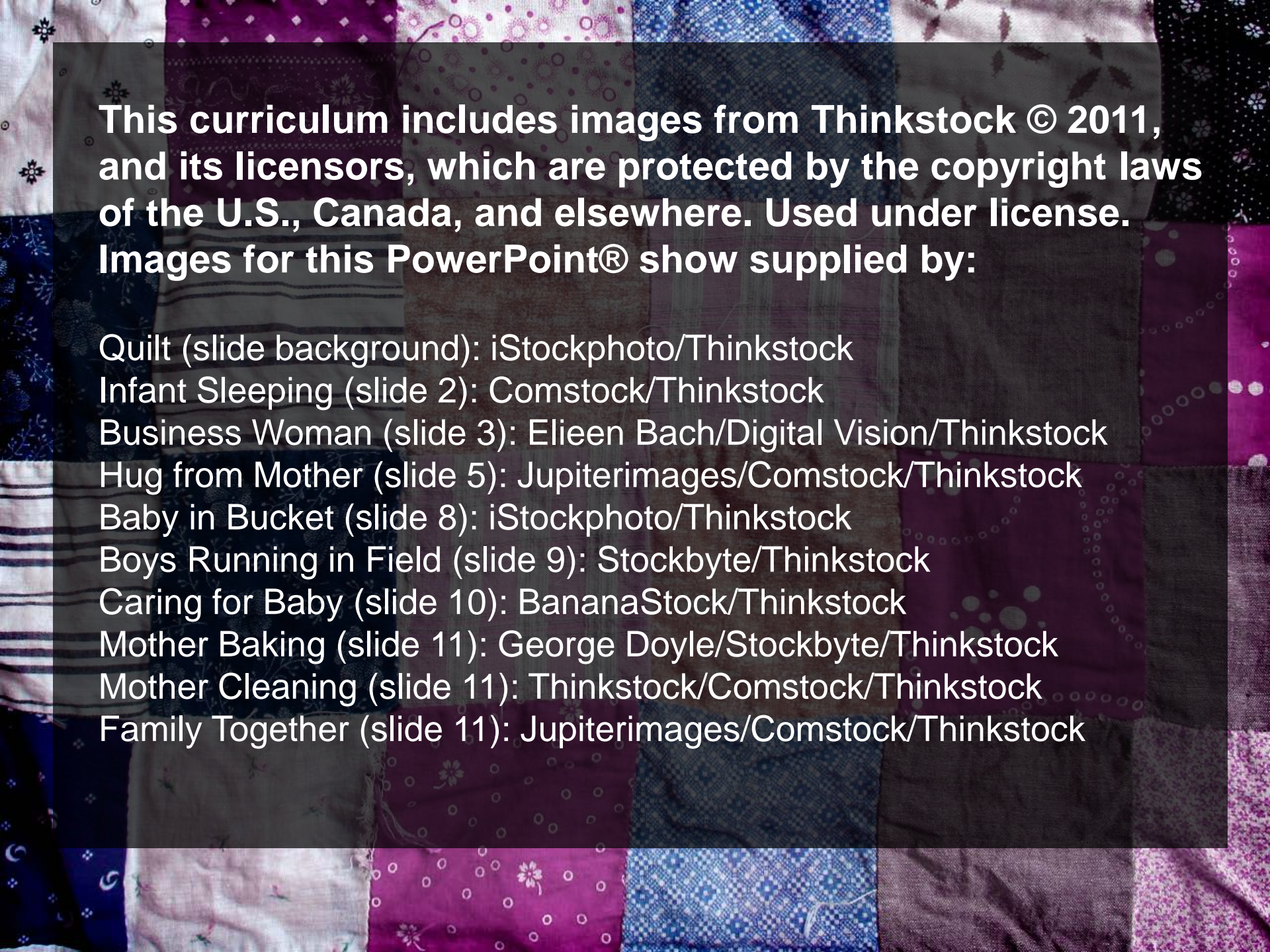
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