

# TANEKA'S URBAN LIFE TALES

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# PRETTY AND PREGNANT

My name is Tawanna and I am 16 years old. All the guys liked me because I looked really good. I shared myself with a lot of different guys. I had about...let me see...three different boyfriends.

One paid for my clothes and hair, one took me to the movies, and one hung out with me when the others were busy, but he went to college. Anyway, that's how I used to think until I got pregnant. I didn't even know which boyfriend was my child's daddy.

John left me and told me it wasn't his problem. Jason told me it couldn't be his because he used a condom. Eric said he has other things to worry about—like going to college—and he didn't have time to take care of a kid.

Now I'm stuck with a baby and can't do things or go places like I used to. Worst of all, no guy likes me anymore and I have no friends!

I wish I could start over again!



# PRETTY AND PREGNANT

## ACTIVITY ONE

1. Ask learners what they think of this story. Have they ever found a friend or themselves in this situation?
2. Select a volunteer to act out the role of Tawanna. What kind of person is she? Ask learners if they would do things differently if they were in her shoes.

## ACTIVITY TWO

1. Have learners perform a role-play of Tawanna, five years later. Does she have a job? What is her life like?
2. How about 20 years from now? What values would she teach her child?

## ACTIVITY THREE

1. Encourage learners to give some reasons why they think Tawanna would have been better off not becoming involved in a sexual relationship.
2. Ask the group: If a young girl becomes pregnant and has a baby, what does she miss out on? Some answers may include *parties, hanging out with friends* and *going to the beach*.
3. Direct learners to create a list of things they can do with their boyfriend or girlfriend to have fun, instead of activities which lead to having sex and babies. Examples may include *movies, picnics, or playing video games*.