

Introduction:

Parents, your role is so important! Especially when it comes to teaching your children about the responsible use of technology. It's not easy, and so the Protect Young Eyes team wants to help. Below are discussion questions for you. Maybe your child recently heard one of our live presentations.

We want to help you continue the conversation at home. ProtectYoungEyes.com is a website built for parents, with in-depth, Biblical analysis about the latest apps, device parental controls, and digital trends. There's even a **Protect Young Eyes University** with videos you can watch about pornography, social media, brain development, predators, bullies, Instagram, and more! Visit it here and use coupon code VIRTUE9 to receive lifetime access to their premium videos for just \$9 (an almost 70% discount!): www.protectyoungeyes.com/university.

If you're interested in receiving the Protect Young Eyes Parent Tech Updates email (bi-weekly), please text the word "protect" to: 66866. We'll send the latest tech trends directly to you! You are the first formators of your children. It's our passion to help families use technology well.

At-Home Discussion Questions:

1. Ask: You heard this phrase used: "Your Life, Your Choice: Click Well My Friend." How did that make you feel? As a parent, it's really difficult for me to accept that at the end of the day, I really can't make you do much. You can choose well, or you can choose to totally wreck your life.
2. Say: The verse, John 10:10 makes it pretty clear that all good things have an enemy waiting for us after that comma. Do you remember that verse? [Parents, feel free to look it up with him/her] With technology, it's my job as mom/dad/guardian, to protect you from what comes after the comma.
3. Say: We don't use technology while driving. I've started putting the phone in my glovebox just to avoid the temptation. Can you do the same?
4. Ask: How did it feel knowing that every click leaves a footprint out in cyberspace somewhere? Internet permanence is a real thing! Just like a giant Sharpie, right?
5. Say: It's so easy to be tempted by what we see online. **I want you to know that the door is wide open—we can talk about anything.** Let's keep any shame or guilt out in the open. It's so much better that way.
6. Ask/Say: Have you ever been asked to send a picture that made you uncomfortable? **No matter what he/she might say, it's not worth it. Every picture has the potential to be sent to thousands of people. You're too special for that.**
7. Say: Did you know that in most states, sending or even having partially naked pictures of you or your friends is considered creation and distribution child pornography?

8. Ask: Have you ever witnessed someone being a bully? Maybe in real life? What about on technology? What would you do if someone were being mean to another kid in a game you were playing or on social media? Does this happen often at school? What did you learn about the importance of our words?
9. Look up James 3 with your child and discuss the importance of using right words.
10. Say: Sometimes, the rules we have in our house related to technology might seem strict, but every time we get online, it's like there are 100 million people standing in our front yard, staring in our front window, waiting to chat or interact with us. That's a scary thing. I want to protect you from those strangers. There are predators out there who "groom" kids to trust them all the time. I want to protect you from that!
11. Note: Parents, we might mention the word "pornography" during our talks, but we don't dwell on it at all. We believe parents should have very direct conversations about your expectations. For resources that can help with this conversation, please visit protectyouneyes.com/resources.
12. Say: Psalm 119:37 says, "Avert my eyes from what is worthless; by your way give me life." What does it mean to "avert" your eyes? [Parents, this would be a great spot to insert your own personal steps for staying clear of online junk. Do you use a filter? How do you stay clear of temptation?]
13. We want you to know that you are a one-of-a-kind, unique, unrepeatable creation of God. Nothing on social media can ever change that. You have value because you are made in the image of God, not because of how many friends, followers, likes, or comments you might have. Please, don't ever forget that.

Additional Resources for Parents:

- **Blog Post:** [What's the Right Age to Give My Kid Social Media?](#)
- **Blog Post:** [Instagram has a Porn Problem \(Instaporn\)](#)
- **Blog Post:** [Snapchat Discover: Warning for Parents](#)
- **Resource:** [What is Pornography?](#) (Educate and Empower Kids)
- **Resource:** [Forcefield or Mobicip parental controls](#) for Apple and Android smart devices and tablets.

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Families that might benefit from our information? We need your help
to protect one million kids!**