

PROTECT YOUNG EYES | GRADES 7-8

AT-HOME ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSION



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. Or, maybe your church or school recently used our Virtue in Media streaming content. Or, maybe you're a home educator or parent and you used the videos with your own kids at home. However it happened, we want to help you continue the conversation at home.

Protect Young Eyes 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 Parent Resource section with videos you can watch about pornography, social media, brain development, predators, bullies, Instagram, and more! Visit them here: protectyouneyes.com/resources

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 honor God with technology.

TALK ABOUT IT:

1. "I hear that you learned about "the comma" in your presentation/video today. Do you remember what that means? ("Football is a good thing, but be careful." or "Soccer is a lot of fun, but be careful." or "Playing video games on my Xbox with my friends is great fun, but be careful." Everything good has a comma and the word "but" right after it because evil is always working against us.) 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.
2. Ask: How did it feel knowing that every click leaves a footprint out in cyberspace somewhere? Internet permanence is a real thing! Is there anything you need to change today, knowing that colleges and future employers will be Googling you and searching social media for information about you? That's a big deal!
3. Ask: Have you ever witnessed someone being a bully? Maybe in real life? What about on technology? What would you do if someone was being mean to another kid in a game you were playing or on social media? Does this often happen at school? What did you learn about the importance of our words?
4. 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 window, waiting to chat or interact with us. That's a scary thing. I want to protect you from those strangers. Please don't ever share anything about yourself with someone you don't know!

5. Ask: What's a tricky person? Have you ever had a tricky person try to talk to you on a computer or phone? What would you do if that happened? (Same steps: **PUT IT DOWN** and **TELL SOMEONE!**)

Parents – a “tricky person” is the new “stranger danger” from our generation. “Tricky people” are those who we might bump into online, who ask a bunch of “tricky” questions. Examples of “tricky” questions include:

- When's your birthday?
- What's your school like? Where is it?
- Who's your favorite teacher?
- Where does your family live?
- Can you keep a secret? (there are no good Internet secrets)

6. Note: Parents, we are direct with kids in grades 7/8, using the word “pornography” often, letting them know it's a distortion of God's plan for masculinity and femininity and real love. Ask them if they remember the conversation. Look them in the eye and don't only tell them why porn is bad, but tell them that God's plan for sex in marriage is amazing and good. For resources that can help with this conversation, please visit protectyouneyes.com/resources
7. 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?]
8. 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.

*Parents, at Protect Young Eyes we highly recommend having persistent and consistent conversations about awkward topics - if you don't, then Dr. Google will! Look your kids in the eye and talk about porn, predators, and digital risks often. Shame is a monster, and it sneaks in to whisper, “keep it a secret” to young people all the time. Crush that lying voice by speaking openly and frequently about how to use technology with virtue. *Everything is better* when we deal with it openly and honestly.



HELPFUL RESOURCES

(go to protectyouneyes.com/blog or protectyouneyes.com/resources as indicated below):

- [/blog](#) - *Instagram has a Porn Problem (Instaporn)*
- [/blog](#) - *What's the Right Age to Give My Kid Social Media?*
- [/blog](#) - *5 Days of Snapchat Discover - Parents Beware*
- [/resources](#) - *There's What on My Phone? for teaching teens responsible use of smartphones*
- [/resources](#) - *Forcefield or Mobicip* parental controls for Apple and Android smart devices and tablets.



*Would you mind telling your friends about Protect Young Eyes?
We need your help to protect millions of precious young people.*