

At-Home Discussion Questions

Grades 6-8 (Private)

Protect Young Eyes

Dear Parents, Grandparents, Guardians:

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.

[Protect Young Eyes](#) is a free website that explains the latest apps, devices, and digital trends.

3 quick steps you can take right now to stay informed:

- Text "PROTECT" to 66866 and receive our regular digital safety research via email.
- Read about why your ROUTER is so important ([link here](#)).
- Read about the best kid-friendly smartphones ([link here](#)).

You are the primary disciple-makers of your children. It's our passion to help your family honor God with technology!

Questions for Grades 6-8:

1. Ask: How did it feel being reminded that you matter?
2. Say: Every click leaves a footprint out in cyberspace somewhere? Internet permanence is a real thing!
3. Ask: Have you ever witnessed someone being a bully in real life or online? What did you do about it?
4. Ask: What did you learn about the importance of our words?
5. 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 concerns me. I want to protect you from those strangers. Please don't ever share anything about yourself with someone you don't know! These issues are real.
6. Ask: Have you ever seen anything online that made you uncomfortable? I want you to know that no matter what could ever happen to you online or no matter what you might see, you can always land softly with us. Always!
7. Ask: Have you ever had someone you didn't know try to talk to you? Not everyone is a predator online, but too many are. We don't trust anyone with any information. They love to build trust by asking cautious questions and take advantage of our desire to be nice. It's **NOT** meant to walk away from someone you don't know online. It's SMART.
8. **PARENTS** – The issue of sextortion is real (read more [here](#)). Where someone entices a child to send a nude photo and then extorts them for money. Some cases have led to suicide. It's horrible. Please speak openly about this issue!
9. **PARENTS** - The issue of pornography is real. You can prevent exposure to inappropriate content by following our [device guides](#). You can help a teen who's struggling with pornography with our [5 steps here](#).

10. Say/Ask: Psalm 119:37 says to avert our eyes from what is worthless. What does it mean to “avert” our 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?)
11. Say: 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 created in the image of God and are one for whom Christ died. Not because of how many friends, followers, likes, or comments you might have. Please, don't ever forget that.

Note: Parents, we do not use the word pornography before 7th grade. Although we believe kids should know this word early, and definitely by 5th grade, we need to leave that up to parents. But, if we had a chance to speak to just grades 7-8, they would have heard us use the word during our live presentation.

Here's a page that shares more about this unique age: [What it's like for ages 10-13](#)