

At-Home Discussion Questions

Grades 9-12 (**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.

Your child might have heard a live presentation, a webinar, or maybe you used our videos at home, or maybe your church or school used our in-class curriculum. Regardless of the source, below are discussion questions for you!

[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:

- Subscribe to our free newsletter by texting the word "protect" to 66866.
- Go to Instagram, Facebook, or YouTube and search for Protect Young Eyes. Like/follow us.
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You are the primary influencers of your children. It's our passion to help your family honor God with technology.

Questions for Grades 9-12:

Introduction

1. Let's take a little poll – who thinks they control their technology? Now, who thinks their technology controls them? Be honest! Why did you answer the way you did?
2. 1 Peter 5:8, "stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour." When Peter says, "Stay alert!" What do you think he means? How does this relate to technology?
3. In Galatians 6:7, it says, "you will harvest what you sow." In other words, if I plant corn seeds, what's going to grow? CORN. If I plant wheat seeds, what's going to grow? WHEAT. If I plant seeds of bullying, negativity, and poor choices online, what's going to grow in my life? [Wait for an answer]
4. Right now, if I printed off the last 12 months of your gaming chats or social media activity and handed it to your parents, what would surprise them?
5. The Scripture from Galatians 6, where it says, "you can't fool God." Why is it important to remember that? If we delete something awful, like our search history or a comment, what does this verse tell us?
6. If you knew that employers and colleges wouldn't hire you or give you a scholarship or let you play sports if you notice certain behaviors online, what would you change about how you use the Internet?

7. Let's say you noticed that your friends were passing around an inappropriate picture of a classmate. Are you required to step in and do something? Why or why not?
8. "Would the future version of myself change anything about my online life right now?" How would you answer that? Why is the answer important?
9. "If you don't pay for the product, you are the product." Snapchat and YouTube both make money off you. How? Do you ever get any of that back? Is this whole digital system fair?

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Deeper Dive: Pornography

1. Pornography exists to trick you into believing lies about love. Lies about how people want to be treated. Love and affection are gifts to be given to someone, not a thing to be taken forcefully.
2. Here's a statement to think about: "We're addicted to porn, but we only feel worse, lonely, guilty, and empty after watching it." Why? Agree/disagree?
3. Friends, when it comes to seeing things online that can mess with our brains, we must be careful with inappropriate content, including pornography. Once it gets hold of you, it does not give up easily.
4. **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](#).

What you say matters.

1. Without saying names, can you remember a time that you observed a friend say something on social media or in a game that made you think, "Man, that was really dumb"?
2. Why is it so much easier to type mean things to other kids through a screen than it would be face-to-face?
3. In Genesis 1, we read that God spoke, and everything came into existence. Later, in John 1, we read that Jesus is the Word. What does this tell you about the significance of what we say?
4. Your friend just posted something offensive about someone else on social media. Do you do anything? Why or why not? What would you do?
5. What about asking for forgiveness from someone we've said the wrong words to? We're supposed to live at peace with the world around us. What are you waiting for?

What you send matters.

1. **When privacy goes down, predators show up.** What does that mean to you?
2. Why is it important to be careful with our emotions online? What can go wrong?
3. Students, please, please don't forget what was said here. Internet permanence is a BIG DEAL! Things that you post now will still be on the internet when you are 80 years old!
4. **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!

What you stand for matters.

1. We need to be people of conviction. It's been said that if you stand for nothing, you will fall for anything. Do you find that to be true?
2. What things help embolden you to stand up for yourself and/or others online?
3. Do you find it easier to stand for others online or in real life?