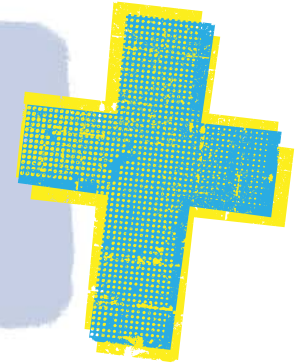


Digital Discipleship

Be an Online Witness

Discuss with your child appropriate and inappropriate online behavior. Remind him or her that we are called to share God’s love in our words and actions—both in person and online. Invite your child to share examples of social media activity that would and would not show a person living by the Gospel.

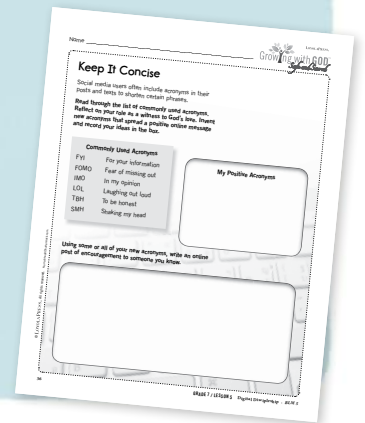


Cyberbullying

Bullying that takes place online by posting harmful or intimidating messages is called *cyberbullying*. Remind your child that it is never okay to participate in cyberbullying and to tell you immediately if he or she or another child is being bullied online.

What We Do and Say Affects Others

Remind your child that how we act online impacts others. Tell your child that you expect him or her to stop and think before posting anything online, especially if he or she is upset. Discuss ways to make a positive impact by supporting and encouraging others and by posting responsibly. Review with your child the Keep It Concise handout.



Jesus Is Our Teacher

Jesus is a sign of God’s love for us. Through his teachings and example, we come to know who God is and who he is calling us to be. Jesus also taught us the Lord’s Prayer to grow closer to the Father. Pray together the Lord’s Prayer or a prayer of your own.

Inappropriate Content

Discuss with your child the possibility of encountering inappropriate online content. You might say: ***If you see something online that makes you uncomfortable, don't feel ashamed or worried. Turn it off immediately and tell me or another trusted adult right away.*** Listen to your child’s responses and add suggestions if appropriate.



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Keep It Concise

Social media users often include acronyms in their posts and texts to shorten certain phrases.

Read through the list of commonly used acronyms. Reflect on your role as a witness to God's love. Invent new acronyms that spread a positive online message and record your ideas in the box.

Commonly Used Acronyms

FYI	For your information
FOMO	Fear of missing out
IMO	In my opinion
LOL	Laughing out loud
TBH	To be honest
SMH	Shaking my head

My Positive Acronyms

Using some or all of your new acronyms, write an online post of encouragement to someone you know.