Internet Safety for Tweens
Netsmartz Power Point Presentation for Grades 5 and 6
Teacher Guide

Purpose of this lesson:
1. To equip the boys and girls with knowledge about ways to protect themselves when using Internet-enabled technology;
2. To help students realize that, while Internet-enabled devices can be fun and helpful, they can also be dangerous not only because others can harm them, but because they can hurt themselves or others through the choices they make;
3. To help them realize how important it is to preserve their God-given dignity and self- worth because we are all made in God's image.

Equipment/Materials Needed:
➢ A laptop or computer with Power Point 2008 or higher installed on it
➢ A projector and projection screen or blank wall on which to project the presentation
➢ Printed version of the presentation with notes pages to be read aloud
➢ Opening prayer/Scripture passage (see suggestions on pages 3 & 4 of this guide)

Length of presentation: 45 minutes to one hour.

Some points to keep in mind when presenting the lesson:
In this lesson, you will be providing instruction and guidance to the students regarding three aspects of Internet safety: Avoiding online predators; being careful about what types of personal information they post online; and how to handle and prevent cyberbullying.

The presentation includes <u>teacher notes</u> that can be read aloud. A main theme that should be communicated to the students throughout this presentation is the importance of maintaining one's God-given personal dignity and respecting the God-given dignity of others when using the internet.

Before teaching this lesson, you may want to familiarize yourself with some of the terms and technologies that are discussed in the lesson. You will find a Glossary of Terms on page 2 of this guide.

Students in grades 5 and 6 are literally "tweens" in terms of their physical, emotional, human, and spiritual development. Children in this age group can be particularly vulnerable to false attention and are also becoming more vulnerable to pressure from peers to 'fit in.'

When teaching this lesson, be sure not to instill fear and guilt. Some of the students may have made mistakes in these areas already. Since most of the students will have already made their first Penance, some discussion can revolve around asking for others' forgiveness if they have hurt them as well as asking God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Glossary of Terms

Blog- An online journal where writers ("bloggers") share their thoughts, opinions, photos, etc.

Cyberbullying- Using technology to bully others.

Gaming- Playing electronic games, such as those on a console (Xbox, PlayStation), a handheld device, a computer, etc.

Grooming- Grooming is a method of manipulation used by a predator to build trust in an effort to gain access to and time alone with a child. Predators often groom the child's family or even the community. Grooming may involve flattery, gift giving, or giving the person special attention.

Instagram- An online, mobile photo-sharing, video-sharing social networking service that enables its users to take pictures and videos to send to friends or share them on a variety of social networking services, such as Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr and Flickr.

Online Predator- A person who wants to harm others and who uses the Internet to contact and meet potential victims. Online predators often misrepresent themselves (for example, they might say that they are younger than they really are) and they may pressure the victim to send inappropriate photos and eventually try to set up an in-person meeting.

Sexting- Sending sexually explicit photos via text message.

Skype/Facetime- Computer applications that allow people to video chat using their computer's internet-enabled camera.

Social Networking Site- An online community that brings people together to blog, share photos and videos, and make new friends. The sites usually require members to set up a profile, which may include information such as name, location, email address, phone number, age, and gender. Some popular social networking sites are Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest, and Twitter.

Twitter- A social networking/ blogging service that allows the user to send brief (140 character) text messages to friends or "followers."

Suggested Opening Prayers

Luke 6: 27-36

27 "But to you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.

29 To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic.

30 Give to everyone who asks of you, and from the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back.

31 Do to others as you would have them do to you.

32 For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them.

33 And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same.

34 If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit [is] that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount.

35 But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

36 Be merciful, just as [also] your Father is merciful.

Genesis 1:24-31

24 Then God said: Let the earth bring forth every kind of living creature: tame animals, crawling things, and every kind of wild animal. And so it happened.

25 God made every kind of wild animal, every kind of tame animal, and every kind of thing that crawls on the ground. God saw that it was good.

26 Then God said: Let us make human beings in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the tame animals, all the wild animals, and all the creatures that crawl on the earth.

27 God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

28 God blessed them and God said to them: Be fertile and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and all the living things that crawl on the earth

29 God also said: See, I give you every seed-bearing plant on all the earth and every tree that has seed-bearing fruit on it to be your food;

30 and to all the wild animals, all the birds of the air, and all the living creatures that crawl on the earth, I give all the green plants for food. And so it happened.

31 God looked at everything he had made, and found it very good. Evening came, and morning followed—the sixth day.

1 Corinthians 6: 17-20

17 But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.

18 Avoid immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the immoral person sins against his own body.

19 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?

20 For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore, glorify God in your body.

1 John 3:1-3

1 See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. Yet so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

3 Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure.