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Safe Environment Training for Children Resources for Grades 6-8

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Safe Environment Resources for Main Point 1:

We are made in the image and likeness of God.

Creation Chronicles Creation Scene

OV 51088 J, S, YA 8 min.
Swartz, Ted © 2008 YouTube / Mennomedia

<https://safeshare.tv/x/BdFKWkXRDbE#>

Ted and Lee team up for a hilarious look at what might have happened in God's office during the creation. In the end, we see the ultimate, made in the image of God; and are prompted to consider what humanity has become.

Wonderfully Made

OV 50688 J, S, YA, A 6 min.
© 2012 YouTube

<http://safeshare.tv/v/Ghzl5KGTno>

Psalm 139 and other scripture passage lay the foundation for this gentle music video which celebrates the beauty of God's love, His creative powers, and His blessings to His children. **FAIR USE NOTICE:** This video may contain copyrighted material. Such material is made available for educational purposes only. This constitutes a 'fair use' of any such copyrighted material as provided for in Title 17 U.S.C. section 107 of the US Copyright Law. Full credits to Scripture Lullabies (scripture-lullabies.com).

You're Kind Of A Big Deal

OV 50394 J, S, YA 2 min.
Stefanick, Chris © 2014 YouTube

<http://safeshare.tv/w/wFIBLhIOLy>

Christ Stefanick reminds viewers that, even though we seem to be small in this world, spiritually we are huge in God's eyes, created by love with an amazing body and an awesome soul.

YOUCAT 280: What Reasons Do Christians Give For Human Dignity?

OR 50600 J, S
© 2013 Ignatius Press

<https://www.facebook.com/SaintAmeliaCatholicChurch/posts/441264969303455>

At this post you will find the text for paragraph number 280 of *YOUCAT*, ©2011 by Ignatius Press. It speaks of the value and dignity of every human person based not on what the person can do or who that person has become, but rather on the very fact that "God willed, loved, created, and redeemed" each and every person. (*YOUCAT Study Guide*, BK #269752, also available to assist with questions for reflection or discussion.)

Creation Chronicles On Stage: Comedy, Drama, And Insight From The Old Testament

DV 30476.1 J, S, YA, A 87 min.
Swartz, Ted © 2009 St. Mary's Press, Christian Brothers Publications

Strap yourself in for a wild ride through the Old Testament as told by the comedy-drama team of Ted and Lee. Fourteen stories from the Old Testament are both hilarious and profound: Creation, Cain and Abel, Flood, Tower of Babel, Abraham, Desert Song, Golden Calf, Jericho, Samuel, Solomon, Jeremiah, Prophet Radio, Jonah, Advent. This presentation assumes that viewers are familiar with the stories before viewing.

God's Trombones: A Trilogy Of African-American Poems

DV 30304 J, S, YA, A 25 min.
Johnson, James Weldon © 1994 Good Times Entertainment

This trilogy of poems is based on the book in which James Weldon Johnson set down the inspirational sermons of old-time black preachers. **The Creation** is narrated by James Earl Jones, who lends his rich, distinctive voice to this vibrant, and colorful depiction of how God created the Earth and humankind in *Genesis*. Dorian Harewood narrates **The Prodigal Son**, a Biblical parable of sin and forgiveness, and **Go Down Death**, in which God calls home a long-suffering woman.

Inspired: Stories And Songs Inspired By The Scriptures - Volume I

DV 30216 J, S, YA, A
Jansen, ValLimar © 2007 Harcourt Religion Publishers

In this video ValLimar Jansen shares her own special talent for storytelling. She has developed unique personalities to vividly tell a few select Scripture stories in a way that captivates the viewer and expands the imagination. Here you will see ValLimar bring to life the stories of Creation, The Samaritan Woman, The Healing Pool, The Nosy Neighbor (A Man Born Blind), and Celebrating Ethel Waters (a modern-day story of reconciliation). Each short (about 5 - 10 minutes) story clip is accompanied by music that deepens the tapestry and artistry of the entire story.

SandStory Presents: Creation

DV 30804 J, S, YA, A 20 min.
Castillo, Joe © 2010 SandStory.com

This is the story of creation told through a dramatic live art presentation done in sand with the enhancement of a lighted table surface and to the sound track from *The Rhythm of Creation*. This presentation is especially suited to those who know this Biblical story but are looking for a presentation of it in a new and captivating style and to those who are highly visual learners.

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Safe Environment Resources for Main Point 2:

Our bodies are special because they are Temples of the Holy Spirit.

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My Body Is The Temple Of The Holy Spirit

OV 51093

J, S
© 2009 YouTube

3 min.

<https://safeshare.tv/x/H8UKVRHrKbo#>

The simple, yet profound words, "My body is the temple of the Holy Spirit" are repeatedly animated in this meditation.

St. Maria Goretti And Bl. Kateri Tekakwitha

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Amodei, Michael

J, S
© 2009 Ave Maria Press - Engaging Faith

<https://www.avemariapress.com/engagingfaith/2009/07/st-maria-goretti-and-bl-kateri/>

This article shares the importance of inner beauty and moral decision-making through the lives of Saints Maria Goretti and Kateri Tekakwitha. Included are activities to help students understand that their body is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

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Safe Environment Resources for Main Point 3:

No one should touch us in a way that makes us feel uncomfortable, particularly in the places normally covered by a swimsuit.

Protect Yourself Rules

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<https://fightchildabuse.org/>

This website offers online videos, lesson plans, and student downloadable materials to teach children what to do when confronted with abusive behavior, safe and unsafe touches, the importance of going to a parent or another trusted adult if they are confronted in an unsafe situation, and that abuse is not their fault. The videos use gentle animation. An "Unsafe Touch" is defined as touching private parts of the body that are covered by a bathing suit. Stranger safety, Internet safety, and other situations are also presented. NOTE: These are not developed specifically for a Christian audience and caution should be used. For example, the grade 4-6 video on bullying includes a statement to the effect that some kids just get bullied more than others, including those who are LGBTQ. Catechists should be aware before showing this video that although we do not condone this lifestyle, we still respect the individual as a beloved child of God.

Village Counseling Center: Resources - Child Sexual Abuse (SITE MAY BE UNDER CONSTRUCTION)

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<http://www.villagecounselingcenter.net/Child-Sexual-Abuse-Resources.html>

This site offers numerous downloadable fact sheets for adults as well as workbooks and coloring books to teach children and teens the difference between good touch verses bad touch and guidance for telling trusted adults about abuse.

Abuse: If It Happens To You (Grades 5-9) (DVD)

DV 30434.1

I, J, S
© 2007 Sunburst Visual Media

20 min.

Abuse: If It Happens to You is designed to help young teens understand that abuse, of all types, is relatively common, and that if it happens to them they must tell a trusted adult. This program examines the three different types of abuse: physical, emotional, and sexual. It helps young teens understand that the victim is always innocent. The victim did not cause the abuse and never deserves it. This program can also be used to help those who have been abused to come forward.

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Safe Environment Resources for Main Point 4:

If someone does touch us in a way that makes us feel uncomfortable, we should have someone to whom we can go to get it to stop.

Believe Me

DV 30449

P, I, J
© 2002 Leaf Learning

12 min.

This program shows that sexual abuse consists of a wide range of inappropriate behavior, and that most sexual abusers are known to the child and can be members of their own family. This animated video portrays important messages for young people: Sexual abuse can happen to children from all kinds of different backgrounds. If it does happen it is never their fault. It is okay to have mixed feelings about the abuser. There are some "secrets" which should never be kept. The video stresses the importance of finding and telling a trusted adult. It shows that help is available and that young people can recover from the experience. (Closed Captioned)

Break The Silence: Kids Against Child Abuse (Grades K-8)

DV 30472.1

Seymour, Jane

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© 1994 AIMS Multimedia

30 min.

This program breaks open the terrible reality of child abuse. Physical abuse, sexual abuse, and child neglect are explained in a way young children can understand. Four kids talk candidly about their abuse and their abusers as they describe how adults use fear, manipulation, and neglect to hurt children. Animated versions of the child and the abuser help illustrate how the abuse happened and how it made the child feel. Each story ends happily. The main point of this program is that children should tell an adult if they feel they are being abused, or if they know someone who is.

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Additional Safe Environment Resources for Lesson Plan Presentation

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Friendship: Peter Kreeft

OV 50248

J, S 1 min.
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<http://safeshare.tv/w/XApRfeMBwz>

This video proclaims the value of friendship as an instrument of joy which finds its origins in the community of the Trinity.

Never Alone, Forever Accepted

OV 50113

J, S 2 min.
© 2014 YouTube / Outside Da Box Production

Two teens share their feeling of loneliness and rejection, their understanding of God's presence and love, and their transformation into greater self esteem and new understanding of their identity in Christ.

Trust Diaries, The

OV 50253

J, S 3 min.
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<http://safeshare.tv/w/XWRcvNtifi>

This video is about friendship and trust, and the value of both when relating to both God and others.