

# *Circle of Grace Vocabulary*

## **Words introduced in Kindergarten**

- Children of God: All people are made and loved by God.
- Circle of Grace: The love and goodness of God which always surrounds me and all others.
- Feelings: Something I sense inside myself (e.g. angry, sad, happy, afraid, embarrassed, confused, excited, peaceful, etc.) which gives me information about others or myself.
- Grace: The gift of God's goodness and love to help me live as his child.
- Holy: Special because of a connection with God.
- Holy Spirit: God present with and within me. The Holy Spirit helps me to remember that I belong to God. The Holy Spirit helps me to experience and live God's love. Respect: Being kind to others and doing what's best for myself and others because I honor all people as Children of God.
- Safe: I am safe when my body and my feelings are respected by me and by others.
- Safe Touch: Touch that respects others and me. Secret: A secret is something I know but do not tell.
- Safe Secret: A secret is safe when it does not hurt others or me.
- Unsafe Secret: A secret is unsafe when I think that someone, including me, might be hurt or get in trouble if I do not tell.
- Signal: A sign that tells me something may be safe or unsafe. This may be internal or external. Stoplight: A traffic light (red, yellow, green) that is a visual signal for keeping vehicles and people safe.
- Trust: Being able to count on someone to help me to stay safe within my Circle of Grace.
- Trusted Adult: A grown-up who helps me to stay safe in my Circle of Grace and to respect others within their Circle of Grace.
- Unsafe: Anything that causes harm to myself or others.
- Unsafe Touch: Touch that is disrespectful and hurts, scares, or makes me feel uncomfortable or confused.

## **Words Introduced in First Grade**

- Symbol: A picture or object that stands for something else.

## **Words Introduced in Second Grade**

- No new words.

## **Words Introduced in Third Grade**

- Boundary: The borders or limits we need to keep ourselves safe within our Circle of Grace.
- Treasured: We are so unique and precious that we could not be replaced in God's eyes.
- Violate: To break a law, promise, or boundary.

## Words Introduced in Fourth Grade

### Social Media/Networking

- **Blog:** An online journal. Personal stories or thoughts can be posted as in a personal journal. This is a public journal that anyone can access.
- **Chat Room:** The name given to a place or page in a website or online service where people can chat with each other by typing messages which are displayed almost instantly on the screens of others who are in the chat room.
- **Instant Messaging (IM):** Technology similar to that of chat rooms which notifies a user when a person is online allowing them to converse by exchanging text messages.
- **Location Application:** An application used in phones to find a location of a popular spot (restaurant, park etc.). People use the application to check in and it broadcasts the location to all of their friends.
- **Micro Blogging:** This service allows users to give updates about what they are doing in less than 140 characters
- **Social Networking Service and Websites:** These services and websites are used to communicate with (a person) or search for information about (a person).
- **Video Sharing Service:** This service allows users to watch videos posted by others and to upload videos of their own.

### Other Terms

- **Cyber Bullying:** Use of the internet, cell phone or other electronic device to send or post texts or images intended to hurt or embarrass another person.
- **E-mail:** Electronic mail. Sending/ receiving a type written message from one screen to another.
- **Flaming:** Sending a deliberately confrontational message to others on the internet.
- **Inappropriate Material:** Pictures or words on the internet that makes one feel uncomfortable, scared, or that intentionally degrades a human person.
- **Netiquette:** Courteous, honest, and polite behavior practiced on the internet.
- **Personal Contact Information:** Information that allows an individual to be contacted or located in the physical world, i.e. a telephone number or an address.
- **Phishing:** An identity theft scam in which criminals send out spam that imitates the look and language of legitimate correspondence from e-commerce sites. The fake messages generally link to websites that are similarly faked to look like the sites of respected companies. On the sites, users are directed to enter their personal information for authentication or confirmation purposes. The information, when submitted, goes to the thieves not to the “spoofed” company.
- **Pop Up:** A term for unsolicited advertising that appears as its own browser window.  
**Predator:** Someone who uses the internet to obtain personal information about others with the intent to do harm.
- **Smart Phone:** Is a mobile phone that offers advanced features like the internet, a camera and applications such as games and special interest information.
- **Texting:** Sending a short text (typed) message between cell phones or other handheld devices.
- **Webcam:** A front facing video camera that attaches to a computer or is built into a laptop.

## **Words Introduced in Fifth Grade**

- **Media:** Mass communication formats (music, TV, magazines, movies, videos, internet, computer games, books, advertisements, news, newspapers, radio, etc.) which provide education, information, entertainment, and advertising.
- **Inappropriate Media:** Images or words, spoken or written, that makes one feel uncomfortable, scared, or that intentionally degrade a human person.

## **Words Introduced in Sixth Grade**

- **Admiration:** A feeling of high regard or sense of awe.
- **Dream:** A hope or aspiration which we imagine will become real.
- **Empathy:** The ability to understand the feelings of another person.
- **Healthy:** That which is sound and vigorous in mind, body, and spirit.
- **Relationship:** A connection with God or others.
- **Response:** Something said or done as a reaction or answer.
- **Talent:** A special God-given ability or gift.
- **Value:** A principle standard or quality considered desirable. **Violation:** A break or infringement of another person's rights.

## **Words Introduced in Seventh Grade**

- **Bullying:** Any deliberate aggressive act, by a person or group, with the intent to inflict harm (physical or emotional) on another person.
- **Bystander:** Someone who witnesses the bullying. They can have a negative or positive influence on the bullying behavior.
- **Cyber Bullying:** The use of the internet, cell phones or other electronic devices to send or post texts or images intended to hurt or embarrass another person.
- **Disrespect:** Treating with rudeness, insult, or lack of respect.

## **Words Introduced in Eighth Grade**

- **Conscience:** The gift from God that helps us to know the difference between right and wrong.
- **Modesty:** The virtue that respects, honors, and protects privacy: the quality of avoiding extremes of emotion, action, dress, and language. Modesty respects my boundaries and the boundaries of others.
- **Morality:** The way we put our beliefs into action for good.
- **Sexuality:** Everything that makes us female or male. This includes feelings, attitudes, values, relationships, and ideas.

## **Words Introduced in Ninth Grade**

- **Exploit:** To take unfair advantage of someone/some situation in order to get some benefit.
- **Forced Isolation:** When someone forces/pressures another to be separated from others in order to gain control.

- **Secrecy:** The condition of being hidden or concealed. The habit or practice of keeping secrets or maintaining privacy or concealment.
- **Sexting:** Sexually explicit images or text messages sent by way of a phone. There may be legal consequences if one or both persons involved are minors.
- **Unequal Power:** When one person has more power in a relationship. This can be in the area of age, size, position, resources, status or knowledge.

## **Words Introduced in Tenth Grade**

- **Boundary:** A border or limit that helps keep us safe and separate from another person or entity. Boundaries help define relationships. They are either concrete (physical/visual/audio) or abstract (emotions/beliefs/internal guidelines/rules).
- **Circle of Virtue:** Our response to the invitation of God's grace by cultivating goodness and virtue in our lives.

## **Words Introduced in Eleventh Grade**

- **Freely Chosen Violations:** Every person is responsible for those violations they freely choose and know are wrong. We should never blame or accuse persons who are victims of abuse and manipulated or exploited in unequal relationships.
- **Moral Responsibility:** As we grow into mature adults, we must take greater responsibility for protecting ourselves and others from violations of God's plan for our spiritual, sexual, and moral lives.
- **Offender:** Someone who exhibits behaviors for the sole purpose of putting another person in a vulnerable position to be exploited/abused.
- **Survivor:** A person who not only lives through but thrives despite abuse, affliction, or adversity.
- **Victim:** A person who has suffered injury/harm (physical or emotional) by forces beyond his or her control and not of his or her personal responsibility.

## **Words Introduced in Twelfth Grade**

- No new words.