

# THE DIGITAL CULTURE OF KIDS FOR CHURCH LEADERS

## TRAINING 1: INTERNET PORNOGRAPHY 101



### RECAP (VIDEO LENGTH 10:20):

Pornography has always been an issue. It's just that access to every kind of pornography has never been in our pockets, just seconds away. Without an intentional plan, every person who uses the Internet will bump into videos and images that may be tempting.

### THINK ABOUT IT:

1. How will the information you just heard assist you specifically in your small groups?
2. Kids have always had access to inappropriate content. How is today's access impacting kids differently?
3. What protections do you use on your own on internet-ready devices? At home? What works? Protect Young Eyes has a listing of possible solutions at: [protectyoungeyes.com/resources](http://protectyoungeyes.com/resources).

### APPLY IT:

1. If a child came to you because he/she had seen pornography, either in your small group or even somewhere else, what would you say? Take a moment to write down your answer, considering both the words as well as your body language.

Some tips we give parents include:

- Watch your facial expressions
- Don't freak out – Listen first. Let them tell the whole story. Then, respond calmly and openly. "That must have been hard to say. But, I'm so glad you did! Let's talk about this more, is that ok? Can we walk over here and talk?"
- Don't shame, this means any phrase that includes "disappointed" or "how could you?" Remember you want to build a relationship of trust so that the child will feel comfortable with the decision to share and continue to be open and honest about their experiences.

2. What policies or guidelines, if any, does the church have for handling such issues?
3. Explain 2-3 things that your church is currently doing to prevent and monitor pornography exposure on its network?



### HELPFUL RESOURCES

(go to [protectyoungeyes.com/blog](http://protectyoungeyes.com/blog) or [protectyoungeyes.com/resources](http://protectyoungeyes.com/resources) as indicated below):

- [/blog](#) - **How to Talk to a 5 -year-old About Porn.**
- [/blog](#) - **Porn Stats Parents Just Can't Ignore.**
- [/blog](#) - **Screen Time and Parental Control - 5 Considerations for Parents and Educators.**
- [/resources](#) - **Good Pictures Bad Pictures Jr.** and **Good Pictures Bad Pictures** for help talking to preschool and elementary-aged kids about pornography.
- [/resources](#) - **Glow kids** for an in-depth look at the impact of screens on kids.
- [/resources](#) - **Forcefield, Mobicip and Covenant Eyes** which are parental control solutions for families.