

THE OUTLINE

PART 1

GENERAL RANDOM FACTS ABOUT MEDIA

- Technology is NOT neutral – It’s neither good nor bad but it is definitely not neutral and has slowly infiltrated almost every aspect of our lives.
- 2008: The first year students spent more time online than watching TV. That is not that long ago for such a major sociological shift and it’s never going back.
- 2011: Mobile devices became the greatest distributor of pornography
- 1 out of 6 marriages in the United States met online
- 1 out of 5 students in the United States have sexted or been sexted (the new “first base”)
- Facebook is the third largest country in the world – China, India, Facebook...

THE TIMES – THEY ARE “A-CHANGIN”

- What can a parent do?
- We must become a student of the culture

BE A STUDENT OF THE CULTURE

- Listen to what they listen to
- Watch what they watch
- Read what they read
- See what they see

THE TECHNOLOGY CRISIS

- What should we do?
 - Evaluate everything you see and hear
 - Examine your own behavior
 - Enter into dialog not monolog

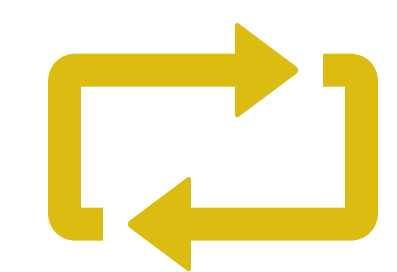
DEVELOP BOUNDARIES AND EXPECTATIONS WITH MEDIA USE AND YOUR FAMILY

- Develop “contracts” with your entire family
 - Internet Usage Contract
 - The Music Agreement
 - TV/Movie Contract

MEDIUMS: MAKING SENSE OF THE MEDIA

- Video Games
- Movies
- DVDs
- Videos on my phone
- Satellite and Cable TV
- Music and Music Videos
- Internet
- Chat
- Magazines/Blogs
- Social networking sites

HOW ARE THESE “MEDIA MEDIUMS” AFFECTING YOUR CHILD?



PERSONAL & GROUP REFLECTION

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

1. “I feel totally comfortable with all forms of media for my children,” said no parent ever! On a scale from 1 (worried beyond words) to 5 (being fairly comfortable), where would you place yourself on the scale?
2. Jim mentioned “random thoughts about media.” Which random thought stuck out for you and why?
3. What have you found as a useful resource to keep up with the youth culture?
4. Do you have media contracts with your kids? Have they helped? If not, is there anything holding you back?
5. What “media medium” is fun for your kids and which one concerns you?