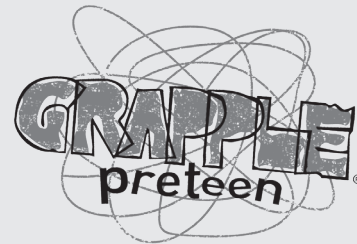


Grapple Parent Page

Grapple Question:

What's Really Okay?



Kids Learn:

Appropriate Boundaries

Dig Into the Bible:

Psalms 86:11; 119:9-16; Romans 13:12-14; 2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 7:1

Ah, the dreaded “How far is too far?” question. It would be so much easier to think that your innocent preteen doesn’t need to know or care about boundaries with the opposite gender.

Try this activity with your preteen. Create a line on the floor in the middle of the room by stretching out a piece of rope or yarn, or laying a broom handle across the floor. Stand with your preteen on one side of the room. As you talk about ways that guys and girls express affection (talking, holding hands, kissing, and so on), take steps toward the line together. As you approach the line and cross over it, define what “crossing the line” is. Give your preteen an opportunity to share his or her ideas, and then share your values. Now turn back around. As you walk together—away from the line back toward where you started—talk about ways to stay pure with the opposite gender.