

Keeping Our Children Safe

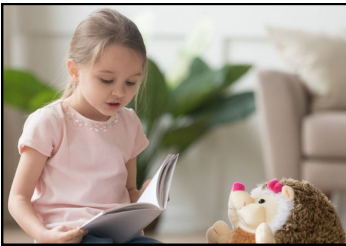
Each year, the Diocese of New Ulm, in conjunction with the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops requires each parish to teach a lesson for our children on how to keep them safe against sexual abuse. Just like the fire drill we do at church or school, we do this each fall in a lesson that is age-appropriate and is part of our effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and youth not just at church, but at home, in school, and in the community at large. This year, we have attached the information for the *Teaching Safety—Empowering All God’s Children* program for you to cover at home with your children. Choose the box with your child’s age group and complete the activities within. Thank you for helping us keep your child safe!



The Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide found [here](#) and the Touching Safety Program Overview found [here](#) are both resources for you as a parent/guardian which provides tips and information for you regarding talking to your children about this topic.

For Grades K-5: Start by watching this [Introductory Video](#), then open the lessons below and go through them with your child.

For Grades 6-8: Start by watching the middle school [Introductory Video](#), then open the lessons below and go through them with your child.



Grades K-2

Read and complete the following lessons:

[Lesson 5: Being a Safe Friend](#)

[Lesson 6: Grooming—Recognizing Risky Adult Behavior](#)



Grades 3-5

Read and complete the following lessons:

[Lesson 5: Being a Safe Friend](#)

[Lesson 6: Grooming—Recognizing Risky Adult Behavior](#)



Grades 6-8

Read and complete the following lessons:

[Lesson 5: Being a Safe Friend](#)

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