

Role Play: Talking about Pornography with Young Children

PARENT: Do you like watching YouTube videos?

CHILD: Yes!

PARENT: What do you love watching the most?

CHILD: Cartoons, cat and animal videos, videos of toys...

PARENT: Have you ever seen things on YouTube or other places that you think maybe you should not look at? Like pictures or cartoons or videos of people with no clothes on, or almost no clothes on?

CHILD: Yes. (most children will say yes if they have.)

PARENT: Well, thank you for being honest—that happens to a lot of people. It sometimes happens to me too. There are two things I want you to do when that happens. I want you to put it down or turn off the device and then tell Mom or Dad. We know it's not your fault you saw it. There are bad videos and pictures that some wicked people put up, so you must quickly turn it off and come tell us. Run away from it.

CHILD: Why are they bad?

PARENT: They teach us wrong things about people and about God's gift of sex. In the end, looking at them will make us feel ashamed and sometimes afraid, and can hurt our relationships with other people. Do you remember the two things you need to do if you see them?

CHILD: Yes. Turn it off or run away, and tell you.

PARENT: Good job!