

Using Media Wisely

What is media?

- Media means any kind of format used to share information between people.
- Email, texts and video-messages
- Facebook, internet, movies and tv

Internet

- About 3 out of every 4 people in the United States have internet access.
- About 6 out of every 10 teenagers have received an instant message or email from a stranger.
- 50% of teenagers emailed or instant messaged someone they have not met before → **DANGEROUS**

Internet

- Almost 3 out of every 4 kids aged 12-17 use the internet.
- The internet can negatively affect your relationships with friends and family by taking time away from your friendships.

Dangers of the Internet

- Some kids post personal information on the internet. This could lead a stranger to locate them or identify them.
- There are a lot of inappropriate images and videos on the internet.
- Many criminals use the internet to pretend to be friendly and trick young people.

Dangers of the Internet

- 30% of kids said they they had a scary experience online.
- 10% of kids said that someone on the internet threatened them.
- **NEVER SHARE PERSONAL INFORMATION WITH ANYONE ON THE INTERNET!**

TV and Movies

- Kids spend more time watching tv than they spend at school.
- There is a lot of violence, inappropriate scenes and bad language on tv and in the movies.
- Watching this behavior or listening to these words affects you negatively.

Video Games

- Kids spend an average of 13 hours each week playing video games
- Video games interfere with conversation and discussion time
- Playing video games reduces social interactions with family and friends
- Video games can be addictive!

What would God say about using media?

- Are you a master or a slave?
 - Who is in control?
 - Is it hard for you to stop playing video games when your parents tell you that you have spent enough time playing?
 - Do you turn off the tv or computer when you see something inappropriate?

What does God expect of me?

- Good stewardship of
 - Time
 - Health
 - Resources
 - Intelligence
 - “Well done good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things, enter into the joy of your master.” Matthew 25:23