

***Empowering God’s Children®* Safe Environment Program
Youth session conducted by Lesson Leaders**

**Parent Information & Optional Opt-Out Form**

Dear Parents and Guardians, [Date]

In an effort to assist in the monumental mission of protecting children, the Archdiocese of Denver is partnering with you to present a safe environment lesson to your child. It is our cherished role as adults to fully protect children. In addition, we must also teach children/youth about their safety rights and boundaries, so that they have tools to protect themselves. What follows is information about the program itself and the resources available to you.

***Empowering God’s Children* Program Information:**

A program for children, each lesson includes a grade-appropriate video component along with learning activities. The material is designed to better equip your child to know their safety rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available—and ultimately be safer from people who might want to harm them.

1. **TRAINING DATE INFORMATION:** The children/youth will be taught the age-appropriate safe environment lesson directly by the organization. The material will be delivered [in person or online] on the following dates: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. **RESOURCES:** As we partner together in delivering this content to youth, VIRTUS offers the [*Quick Reference Guide*](https://mk0archdentacevyxl7k.kinstacdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Empowering-Gods-Children-Reference-Guide.pdf) and the [*Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide*](https://mk0archdentacevyxl7k.kinstacdn.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Teaching-Boundaries-and-Safety-Guide-English.pdf) as especially helpful resources to inform you as the parent and to equip safe adults to facilitate an ongoing safety dialogue at home whenever possible.

For questions, or to access to the resources, the specific lesson plan and related activities, please contact:

Name/Contact Information

***OPT OUT - Complete this portion ONLY if you DO NOT want this location to present the Empowering God’s Children Program lesson to your children for this year***

I am choosing to “opt-out” my child/youth (*name*) in grade so they will not receive safe environment training this year on ways to protect themselves.

**Parent Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

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Name/Contact Information

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