

***Empowering God’s Children®* Safe Environment Program
Parent led session**

**Parent Information & Acknowledgement 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. **PLEASE NOTE: There are required action items below that you will need to return.**

*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 FORMAT:** **We will be providing the lesson plan to you as the parent/guardian to present the information directly to your own child/youth**. Your local coordinator listed below will share the lesson with you and any additional instructions on sharing this information the child/youth in your care.
2. **RESOURCES:** As we partner together in delivering this content to youth, VIRTUS some helpful resources to you parents as Lesson Leaders to assist in delivering the lessons. 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) equip safe adults to facilitate an ongoing safety dialogue, and the *Lesson Leader Orientation and Certification Module* gives you better insight about conducting the lessons.

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

Name/Contact Information

***Please complete this portion and return to your parish or school.***

**I, (*name of parent/guardian*) certify that** *(select one below):*

I have presented my child/youth (*name*) in grade , the *Empowering God’s Children* Lesson: (title) on (*date*) .

***OR***

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

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

 **RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY DATE TO:**

Name/Contact Information

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