

Preschool – Grade 8 Circle of Grace Overview © Archdiocese of Omaha

The **GOAL** of the Circle of Grace program is to educate & empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves & others.

Objectives:

1. Children/Young People will understand they are created by God the Father and live in His love along with the love of His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
2. Children/Young People will be able to describe the Circle of Grace which God gives each of us.
3. Children/Young People will be able to identify, discern and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual, and sexual boundaries.
4. Children/Young People can identify all types of boundary violations.
5. Children/Young People will demonstrate how to take action if any boundary is threatened or violated.

***C is Comprehensive; F is Focus (Objectives are summarized & applied to an issue) & P is for parent take home or letter, Objectives are met in all grades.**

Preschool– Grade 2 (C, P), 2 Lessons Per Grade,

Concepts: What is the Circle of Grace? The Stoplight: Feelings, Touch and Secret Safety Plan

Notes: lessons are very similar with varied age appropriate activities. This type of repetition is developmentally important

Grade 3 (C, P), 2 Lessons

Concepts: What is the Circle of Grace? Boundaries, our limits of our Circle of Grace and Action Plan

Notes: “You are Treasured” activity and students practice how to ask for help

Grade 4 (F, P), One Lesson

Concepts: Internet Terms and Safety Strategies

Notes: Safety Worksheet is Done in Class and One is Sent Home with Parents

Grade 5 (F, P), One Lesson

Concepts: Understanding the Influence of the Media on our Circle of Grace

Notes: Teaches Discernment of Media

Grade 6 (C, P), 4 Lessons

Concepts: Circle of Grace: Pieces of the Puzzle, Safe Relationships, Boundaries, Safety PLAAN

Notes: Sensitive Parent Letter regarding unsafe situations

Grade 7 (F, P), One Lesson

Concepts: Saying “No” to Disrespect: Honoring Everyone’s Circle of Grace

Notes: Code of Conduct for Youth, Anti-bullying resources

Grade 8 (F, P), One Lesson

Concepts: How to be Morally Responsible in Today’s Culture

Notes: Activities that have them compare their faith vs. culture

Middle School Alternate Lessons (Grade 6 – Grade 8), (F, P), One Lesson

- 1- Coping with Stress and Pressure

Administrator/Director Section

Code of Conduct, Adaptions for Children with Special Needs, Suicide Prevention Information, Circle of Grace Song, Parenting Information

High School Circle of Grace Overview © Archdiocese of Omaha

The **GOAL** of the Circle of Grace program is to educate & empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves & others.

Objectives:

6. Children/Young People will understand they are created by God the Father and live in His love along with the love of His Son Jesus and the Holy Spirit.
7. Children/Young People will be able to describe the Circle of Grace which God gives each of us.
8. Children/Young People will be able to identify, discern and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual, and sexual boundaries.
9. Children/Young People can identify all types of boundary violations.
10. Children/Young People will demonstrate how to take action if any boundary is threatened or violated.

***C is Comprehensive; F is Focus (Objectives are summarized & applied to an issue) & P is for parent take home or letter, Objectives are met in all grades**

Grade 9 (C, P), 4 Lessons

Concepts: "A Cloud of Witnesses", Mary and Joseph say "Yes", When the Circle is Broken, Action PLAAN

Notes: Lessons can be used in a retreat format

Grade 10 (F, P), One Lesson

Concepts: Levels of Intimacy and Influence

Notes: Circle of Virtue is introduced

Grade 11 (F, P), One Lesson

Concepts: When Boundaries Go Wrong

Notes: Identifying grooming behavior

Grade 12 (F, P), One Lesson

Concepts: Real Love vs. Counterfeit Love

Notes: Theology of the Body principles

High School Alternate Lessons (F, P), One Lesson

- 1- What is Your Motto?
- 2- A.C.T.I.O.N.: Steps When Concerns Don't Go Away
- 3- Modesty: A Thing of the Past or Not?
- 4- Tech Savvy or Tech Safe?
- 5- Circle of Grace Again...Really?
- 6- Human Trafficking: Modern Day Slavery

Administrator/Director Section

Code of Conduct, Suicide Prevention Information, Circle of Grace Song, Parenting Information