



CIRCLE OF GRACE

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A Christian safe environment curriculum
that helps to form and educate children and youth
about the value of positive relationships with God and others.

Circle of Grace Teacher Training Agenda (90 minutes)

Materials to bring/provide:

- Sign-in sheet
- Agenda
- Online 25-minute training video and internet connection
- Curriculum Overview document
- List of children and youth in your church, including grade level and teachers
- Any other desired documents from the curriculum

of minutes

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| 2 | Opening prayer* |
| 10 | Background on why you want to offer a safe environment curriculum to children and youth |
| 10 | Overview of your church's child protection policy (or the status on creating and implementing one) <i>Note: Take time now to ensure teachers/staff know how to respond if children/youth approach them and says they were/are being abused.</i> |
| 25 | Watch <i>Circle of Grace</i> training video |
| 20 | Sample list of questions to discuss: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Think of a child or youth you have known who you suspected was abused or neglected. How did this situation make you feel? How do you think God viewed this same situation?2. What would the world look like if our actions truly reflected the belief that God is always present?3. How do we show children and youth in our church that we care about their safety?4. What things are we doing to ensure the safety of our children and youth?5. What are ways we present ourselves as "trusted adults" and model a <i>Circle of Grace</i> culture? |
| 20 | Discuss elements of the Administrator's Implementation Checklist |
| 2 | Closing prayer* |

*Consider using sample prayers from appendix 6 of *Let the Children Come: Preparing Faith Communities to End Child Abuse and Neglect* (Harder 2011, Herald Press).