Dear *Circle of Grace* teachers and administrators,

Thank you for your willingness to implement the *Circle of Grace* curriculum at your church, school, or organization. This curriculum is an incredible gift to your students. While it is always adults' responsibility first to keep kids safe, *Circle of Grace* educates and empowers children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.

As you know, it is never too early to help children understand how very special they are and how relationships in life are called to be sacred. Understanding this can help them protect the special people they are and be respectful of others.

The first item of business as you are preparing to teach *Circle of Grace* is to familiarize yourself with the philosophy of *Circle of Grace* in advance. This is the basic philosophy of the curriculum: The Christian Church teaches that God has created each of us as unique and special. Genesis 1:27 tells us that we are created in God's image and that God saw this as "very good." In that goodness, we are meant to respect ourselves and everyone else as persons created and loved by God. You, as a teacher, assist children to recognize God's love by helping them understand that each of us lives and moves in a Circle of Grace.

Here are the key concepts your students will learn:

1. God gives each of us a Circle of Grace where God is present.
2. God is present because God desires a relationship with us.
3. God helps us know what belongs in our Circle of Grace and what does not belong in our Circle of Grace.
4. God helps us know when to ask for help from someone we trust.

Thank you for utilizing this important curriculum for the children and youth at your faith environment and for prioritizing proper training as you proceed.

Blessings in your ministry,

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