

The Refuge
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P.D.A

NOTE: Leaders, remember. We are not their parents, and this is not Sex-ed. Many of our youth are not even in this world of dating. But other kids in Jr. High are in this world hugely. So, we are trying to show God's standards while at the same time valuing their innocence.

The Lies

1. What is P.D.A?

- This simply means public display of affection.
- This is like couples hugging, or holding hands, or kissing in public.

2. In your personal Jr. High World, what is okay for boyfriends and girlfriends to do in public?

- Let the kids answer this. See where they are. Some kids are in public school, and much is going on in the hallways. Other kids go to Christian schools where kids aren't even allowed to look at each other.
- FUNNY NOTE: There is a Christian college in America with different colored sidewalks, so that kids can't even walk together.
- By listening, you can see where your kids are really at.

3. When is it okay to hold a boyfriend's/girlfriend's hand? When is it okay to kiss a guy/girl you are dating?

- This is a matter of opinion. What do they think?
- If a kid gives an opinion, ask them why they think that way.
- Don't try to teach right here. Just listen. See where these kids are coming from.

The Truth

4. Read Hebrews 13:4. What is one way a child of God should pursue purity? What is one standard every believer should have?

- The marriage bed is to be undefiled.
- People cannot have sex unless they are married.
- Leaders: Be sensitive to your kids. DO NOT explain what sex is. Just put that truth out there... that the marriage bed is to be undefiled.
- No living together, no friends with benefits, none of that junky junk.
- Every believer needs to know this.

5. Read I Corinthians 6:13-18. Why does God tell believers to wait for physical affection until marriage?

- Because impurity is one way we sin against our own self.
- To be impure is a sin that is not outside of us, but we are hurting our own self.

- If I rob some dude, I might get in trouble, but my actual sin does not affect my physical body.
- Impurity actually breaks and hurts our body. It is a sin that truly backfires against us.

6. Read I Corinthians 6:19-20. Why does God tell believers to wait for physical affection until marriage?

- Because our bodies are not our own.
- Our innocence, our purity, are gifts from God.
- He owns us. And one day he will give us permission to be physical. But not today.

Your Life

7. In your pursuit of purity, what are your standards?

- Ask the kids what their standards are. Will they kiss everyone they date? Will they hold hands? What is their standard?

8. How can you let those standards be known?

- What if you date someone whose standards aren't the same? How do you tell them what kind of girl/boy you are? How do you communicate your commitment to God?

9. What do you do if someone you care about wants you to go beyond your standards?

- Are you brave enough to look foolish if someone tries to hold your hand? Could you say no? Why is that hard? Is it easier just to let them hold your hand?
- Leaders, ask the questions and just chill out and listen.

LEADERS: You know your kids. Tread carefully. If kids start bragging or telling inappropriate stories, cut them off. This cannot become a way for them to glorify impurity. We want them to understand the sacredness of purity. Waiting is awesome!