

# connected **3D**

Using technology in a God-honoring way

**LIFEGROUPS:** Leaders will spend 4-5 minutes facilitating and announcing the launch of the CONNECTED3D campaign on Sunday, March 29th. CONNECTED3D kits will be given out after each service. The kit materials and additional digital content will also be available from the @Home Center and online at [rushcreek.org/athome](http://rushcreek.org/athome).

The following discussion questions will be used in conjunction with video clips provided in RightNow Media in preparation for the message on Sunday, March 29th. Feel free to use any or all of the videos this week and in the weeks following to facilitate discussion about utilizing technology in a God-honoring way.

## **Cell Phone Standoff**

1. What kinds of conversations do you have with your kids about texting?
2. If you feel like your kids text too much, where is the line and how do you know if they crossed it?
3. Are you guilty of asking your kids not to do something that they see you do?

**Leader Tip:** Encourage the group to pick up the Connected3D kit at the At Home Center and utilize the Family Contract to help set good boundaries in their home.

## **Kiss on the Head**

1. What are some difficulties you face in discussing sex with your kids? What age do you begin?
2. What measures, are you currently taking to ensure that your kids are not looking at harmful material?
3. How could the church offer assistance in helping parents create digital safety in the home?

**Say This:** Check out *Covenant Eyes*, online accountability and filtering. Use the promo code CONNECTED for a free 30-day trial.

## **Why Bother**

1. In what ways has technology made it easier or more difficult to connect with your kids?
2. What are some healthy time limits your kids need in the area of technology?
3. What successful ways you have encouraged your kids to engage in activities outside of technology?

**Leader Tip:** Encourage your group to use the tech-free zone card in the Connected3D kit that they will receive on Sunday to help their families disconnect from devices and connect with each other.

## **So Awkward**

1. How has your upbringing shaped the way you parent in the area of television supervision?
2. What kind of rules have you set in your home dealing with TV shows & movies?
3. Why is it important for kids (and adults) to be careful about not only graphic sex and violence in media, but also innuendo?

**Leader Tip:** Tell your group about [PluggedIn.com](http://PluggedIn.com) for movie, tv, music and game reviews from a Christian perspective. And always make sure you have your remote handy when watching anything with your family!

### **Family Dinner**

1. What has been the most surprising post you have seen on your kid's text, Facebook, etc.?
2. In previous generations, modesty was a cultural value. Why do you feel like societal norms have changed and as parents how do we navigate the changes?
3. How do you walk the line between legalism and grace with your kids when it comes to "internet modesty?"

**Say This:** This is a good time to evaluate the time you spend on social media and also the content that you are posting. As a parent, do your own social media posts reflect the new life that you have been given in Christ? Would it be obvious to an outsider that you are a follower of Christ?

### **Priorities**

1. What are the dangers of using technology as a digital babysitter for your kids?
2. What are kids taught when parents use technology as a pacifier?
3. How does the constant use of digital devices make it more difficult for family relationships?

**Say This:** Check out the list of fun screen-free activities to do with your family in the Connected3D kit. (Available on Sunday in the At Home Center or online at [rushcreek.org/athome](http://rushcreek.org/athome))

### **Cell Phone Smash It**

1. In your opinion, what is the appropriate age for a child to have a cell phone?
2. What are some positive reasons for a child to have a phone? What are the negatives?
3. What are some things you need to change in your cell phone usage to become a better role model?

**Say This:** Check out the "Before You Buy" card in the Connected3D kit you will receive next Sunday.

**Say This:** Make sure you are there next Sunday to hear a message from our Pastors on this topic, to collect your free Connected 3D kit, and to sign up for the weekly e-mail series with bonus content. Your family will have the opportunity to earn prizes for participation in this campaign.