

Dear Parents and Guardians, January 5, 2025

In an effort to assist in the monumental mission of protecting children, the Lord’s Vineyard Faith Formation at the former St, Hyacinth School is partnering with you to present a safe environment lesson to your child. It is our cherished role as adults to fully protect children. In addition, we must also teach children/youth about their safety rights and boundaries, so that they have tools to protect themselves. What follows is information about the program itself and the resources available to you. **PLEASE NOTE: There are required action items on page 2 with content you may need to return.**



1. **TRAINING DATE INFORMATION:** The children/youth will be taught the age-appropriate safe environment lesson directly by the organization. The material will be delivered in person.

*Date of organization-led training: \_January 5, 2025*

1. **CONTACT INFORMATION:** *For questions, or to obtain access to the resources, the specific lesson and related activities, please contact:*

*JoAnn Catalano, DRE K-6* [*jcatalano@thelordsvineyard3.com*](mailto:jcatalano@thelordsvineyard3.com) *or 716-785-2406 (cell)*

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As parents, you are the primary educators of your children/youth, and you have the ability to “opt” your child/youth out of the formal in-program safety lesson. This means that the child will *only* receive safe-environment lesson information from your own commitment to deliver them at home, and will not have any additional learning opportunities from the location. Please complete and submit the following form only if you DO NOT want your child to receive safe environment information delivered through the The Lord’s Vineyard Faith Formation about ways to protect themselves and get help when needed. Your coordinator will reach out to you regarding relevant protocol, i.e., child separation from others during lesson, how you will deliver the lesson at home, etc. ***However, if you wish for your child/youth attending the session listed above, no additional action is needed, and you may disregard the next page.***



**TO OPT-OUT THE CHILD FROM THE SAFETY LESSON**

***Complete this portion ONLY if you DO NOT want your child/youth to participate in the***

***Empowering God’s Children Program***

I, *(name of parent or guardian)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, have reviewed the safety lessons and DO NOT give my permission for this location to present the *Empowering God’s Children* Safety Lesson to my child *(printed name of child)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Parent Signature\* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_



***\*If you are unable to print, sign and scan, typing in your full name above will be considered your signature.***

**RETURN COMPLETED FORM TO**

*(Name) :JoAnn Catalano or Natalie Hoebener*

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**BY:** *January 4, 2025*

Thank you for your partnership with us to protect children and youth.