

# SAFE Your Child's Faith Environment

## ILLUSTRATES THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

Matthew 18: 4-5 NAV, "And whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me. Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone hung around his neck and to be drowned in the depths of the sea."

## Encourages Right Relationships

Honesty, Forgiveness, Communication, Humor, Respect, Safety, Dependability/Commitment, Patience, Freedom, Boundaries, Unconditional Love, and Attention

## Provides Deliberately Different Messages

You are created in the image of God, deserving of dignity and respect, a temple of God, called to protect the dignity of others, created as a social being whose actions impact others, capable of communication, compassion and moral reasoning.....

## Makes use of Teachable Moments

Opportunities to Model Christ, Model Right Relationships, Teach Relationship Skills

## Follows Catholic Social Teaching

The Life and Dignity of the Human Person. People are more important than things, everyone has basic human rights, we have the responsibility to protect and maintain these rights not just for ourselves, but for everyone...

## Models Dignity and Respect

Matthew 25:40 'And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

## Mirrors Christ

Unconditional Love, Forgiveness, Focus on Others vs Self, Empathy, Dignity, Respect...

## INSURES SAFETY

Provides Adequate Supervision, Avoids Isolation, Follows Rules for Adult / Child Interactions, Trains and Screens Volunteers/Staff, Demands Accountability, Practices Consistency, Maintains Clear Boundaries, Reports Abuse, Uses Positive Reinforcement and Logical Consequences, Promotes Open Communication...

