

Theme

More To The Story: A Series on Sex

THINK ABOUT THIS:

- The conversation around sex can be complicated. Teenagers often hear messages from media, their friends, and culture about sex, and it can be difficult for them to know who to trust. With this series we want to introduce the idea that there is more to the story than what they may have heard about sex.

Week One
1 Corinthians 6:12 NIV

When it comes to sex, there's more to the story.

Week Two
Ephesians 5:15 NIV, Proverbs 14:15 NIV

Porn never tells the whole story.

Week Three
Romans 12:2 NIV, Romans 12:9-10 NIV

Sex isn't casual no matter how casually it's treated.

Week Four
John 10:10 NIV

Jesus wants more for your story.

REMEMBER THIS

Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.
Romans 12:10 NIV

High School

DAILY CUES



Morning Time

Sometimes, without knowing it, we just expect teens to forget or fail. But, what if you expected to be surprised, impressed, and proud—and then told them? This week be sure to give your teen encouragement. Try saying, “Hey, this past year has, in general, been pretty crazy. You’ve handled it like a champ. I’m so proud of you and love watching you become the person you were made to be. Keep it up.”



Meal Time

Make some time for you and your teen to grab a meal or coffee or smoothie—on you! Take time to ask questions about their friends, their high school experience, pressures they might experience, or just to hear them rant about the latest drama. Remember, you aren’t there to fix their problem, downplay, or correct their thinking. You’re there to listen, sympathize, and make them feel understood.



Their Time

Teens can often feel like adults don’t really get them. So, practicing being a student of them. Ask questions. Use not knowing and not being afraid to be asking as a way to connect and make them feel like an expert. Let them know you don’t take yourself too seriously. Expressing curiosity around the way their friends think and talk about sex, instead of judgment or disgust, will earn their trust.



Bed Time

Sometimes, teens need to have a conversation, but they aren’t always sure how. Before your teen heads to bed, reassure your teen that you’ll always be there for them, that your love for them won’t change, and that your relationship won’t be compromised—no matter what. Nothing they tell you could change that. Be sure that this message, is clear in your words, tone, and body language.