



## **CIRCLE OF GRACE**

*Raise your hands above your head & then  
bring your outstretched arms slowly down.  
Extend your arms in front of you  
and then behind you  
embrace all of the space around you  
then slowly reach down to your feet.  
Knowing that God is in this space with you.  
This is your Circle of Grace.  
You are in it.*

## **CIRCLE OF GRACE PROGRAM GOAL**

The goal of the Circle of Grace program is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others.

## **CIRCLE OF GRACE OBJECTIVES**

- Children/Young people will understand they are created by God and live in the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit - *God is "present" in everyone's Circle of Grace*
- Children/Young people will be able to describe the Circle of Grace which God gives each of us - *God is "present" because He desires a relationship with us*
- Children/Young people will be able to identify and maintain appropriate physical, emotional, spiritual & sexual boundaries - *God helps us know what belongs in our Circle of Grace*
- Children/Young people will be able to identify all types of boundary violations - *God helps us know what does not belong in our Circle of Grace.*
- Children/Young people will demonstrate how to take action if any boundary is threatened or violated - *God helps us know when to ask for help from someone who we trust*

## **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE**

- I understand that I am created by God and live in the love of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- I understand that God does not want or cause bad things to happen.
- I understand that God is with me even when I am hurting or sad.
- I understand the Circle of Grace that God gives me and others.
- I understand that I can help stamp out "bullying" by not being a silent bystander.
- I understand that speaking out and taking positive actions when bullying occurs, makes a difference.
- Because of this understanding when I interact with someone, either in person or when using technology such as texting and social networking, I will strive to:
  - Have my actions be safe and show respect toward myself and others.
  - Have my words and actions represent the truth.
  - Identify and maintain appropriate and healthy boundaries and relationships.
  - Talk with my parents/trusted adult if I have concerns (bullying) or if there is a question that any boundary was violated.