



# Archdiocese of Milwaukee

## *Safeguarding All of God's Family*

### *Religious Education Curriculum*

#### **Lesson: Third Grade**

**Concept:** Identifies people that can help make good decisions, knowing that God created us to think, wonder and choose. Follows Grade Specific Religious Education Curriculum under Creedal Church and Moral Life.

**Goals of this lesson:** To learn to stay safe by practicing what to do in different situations.

**Prayer:** Dear Holy Spirit, guide me so that I may know your presence and the guidance you give me to know that I am safe in your care. Amen.

**Preparation:** Copy and cut out the “What If” situations for handout to small groups. Make copies of the Community Safety Plan for each child in the class.

#### **Activity 1:** The “What If” Game

**Part One:** Divide the class into small groups. Have each group identify a spokesperson who will report back to the class. Hand each group one or two scenarios, depending on the class size. In their small groups, have them discuss what they might do to stay safe in those situations. Encourage them to identify as many strategies as possible. Give the class 10 minutes for this part of the activity.

**\*Makes sure to remind the children when going through the “What If” situations adults generally do not need help from children.**

**Part Two:** Have each group spokesperson read the situation they were given and share what their group discussed. Allow some time for class discussion about each scenario.

**Activity 2:** Have children take home the Home Safety Plan to complete with their parents.

## **“What If” Situations**

1. What if a friend wants to visit you when you are home alone? Your parents say you are not allowed to let anyone on the house. What would you do?
2. You are riding your bike to a friend’s house. While you are waiting to cross the street, an older person comes up to you and says, “You look like a nice boy/girl. If you come to my house I’ll give you a bell to put on your bike.” What would you do?
3. What if a stranger asks you to help them find his dog, cat, or other lost pet?
4. You are playing in your front yard when someone in a car drives up and says, “Hi there. I think I’m lost and I need some help. Can you please come over here and tell me where I am?” What would you do?
5. A cousin that often visits enjoys hugging you. When he/she hugs you she also touches your private parts. What would you do?
6. What if someone you don’t know well offers to pay you to do chores or odd jobs?
7. You are playing at the park and see someone standing by some trees. He asks you to come over and talk to him. What would you do?
8. An uncle who you like always wants to wrestle. When you wrestle with him he touches your private parts. What would you do?