

How Do I Access Children's VIRTUS Lessons?

The screenshot shows the VIRTUS Online system interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs: Library, Facilitators, Educators, My Diocese, Services, Formacion, and Administration. A red arrow points from the 'Educators' tab to a callout box. The callout box contains the text: 'Step 1: Click on Educator Tab. This screen will open. See next page.' Below the navigation bar, the page title is 'Teaching Safety - Empowering God's Children'. The main content area contains a welcome message and four steps for accessing the lessons. Step 1 involves reading the Overview and Founding Principles. Step 2 involves reading the Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide booklet. Step 3 involves understanding the mandated curriculum. Step 4 involves reading the Overview and the Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide booklet. Below the steps, there are two columns: ENGLISH and SPANISH. Each column lists lesson plans for Grades K through 2, Grades 3 through 5, Grades 6 through 8, and Grades 9 through 12. Each lesson plan includes a list of lesson titles and a download link. At the bottom left, there is a link for 'Record Training'.

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Teaching Safety - Empowering God's Children

Welcome to the Educator's page on the VIRTUS Online system. This page is for teachers, religious educators and parents of those who interact with their children. Because educators support parents in this critical undertaking, it is important for you to understand the types of conversations that parents are having with their children regarding sexual abuse.

This page is where you will find the lesson plans for the **Teaching Safety - Empowering God's Children** curriculum.

Step 1: Read the Overview and Founding Principles of the **Teaching Safety - Empowering God's Children** Program (Overview). The Overview refers to several guiding documents provided by the Catholic Bishops of the United States of America.

→ Click here to read or print the Overview. [\(Spanish version\)](#)

Step 2: Read **Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide** (booklet, revised 2015). This booklet is the primary resource to parents provided through the new Protecting God's Children program for parents, safety of those who interact with their children. Because educators support parents in this critical undertaking, it is important for you to understand the types of conversations that parents are having with their children regarding sexual abuse.

→ Click here to read or print **Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide**. [\(Spanish version\)](#)

After you've finished reading the **Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide** booklet, click the continue button, below, to access the correct lesson plan and other supporting materials.

Step 3: The Virtus Teaching Safety - Empowering God's Children lessons are mandated for children in grades Kindergarten through Twelve attending parish religious education programs and Catholic schools. Curriculum, parishes and schools are not to send a permission form or special letter to parents regarding the safe environment lessons. The opt out form is not to be automatically sent home to parents.

[\(Opt-out form\)](#)

Step 4: Now that you've read the Overview and the Teaching Boundaries and Safety Guide booklet, it's time to learn more about your lesson plan. Educators must remember that the lesson plans are designed for you. **Do not distribute the lesson plans to your students.** All of the components of the lesson plan that precede the activities are designed to help give you the perspective you'll need to help your students have a more meaningful learning experience.

ENGLISH

Grades K through 2

- Lesson 1 - Physical Boundaries: Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules [\(Download\)](#)
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Grades 3 through 5

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Grades 6 through 8

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Grades 9 through 12

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SPANISH

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Step 5: [Record Training](#)

Step 2: Simply choose the lesson for the year, the grade level, and the language. Click on the (Download) link and you will be able to download, save it to your computer and print it off.

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