

# At YOUR Fingertips

Over the next few weeks, kids will learn how to stay safe on the Internet. They will get the tools they need to recognize danger on the Web, keep their information private, make Godly choices when they are online and talk openly about their feelings concerning the Internet.

Below is a guide of resources designed to help you keep current on the trends and culture. This guide is full of resources we believe will help you not only to become better acquainted with the Internet and Internet safety, but also to direct your leaders, kids and parents to some great websites, resources and even search engines that will keep them safe and help them to make Godly choices.

## WEBSITES

### **www.NetSmartz.org**

Online resource teaching children, teens and parents safety on the Internet. This is a great site. The NetSmartz Workshop is an interactive, educational safety resource from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and Boys & Girls Clubs of America for children ages 5 to 17, parents, guardians, educators, and law enforcement that uses age-appropriate, 3-D activities to teach children how to stay safer on the Internet.

### **www.theporntalk.com**

This is a great website on how to talk to kids about pornography and Internet dangers. The website features relevant media, great thought-provoking podcasts, real parents' stories, conversation starters and other great safety tips to help all kinds of parents and pastors.

### **www.xxxchurch.com**

This is a great website to give great ideas on how to support someone who is struggling with pornography. Check out X3Watch for accountability software with weekly or biweekly reports, full detailed log reports, and it's free. Also available, Safe Eyes has accountability and filtering and X3Pure is a video workshop, accountability, and filtering.

### **www.protectkids.com/dangers**

Making the Internet safer for children and families through education, empowering parents, establishing rules, provides safety tools, resources, and even a place to report a cyber crime.

### **www.keepingkidssafetoday.com**

This site has multiple international best-selling authors teaching kids to keep themselves safe and creating safer families.

### **www.netlingo.com/newadd.cfm**

"NetLingo has thousands of definitions that explain the online world of business, technology, and communication including the largest collection of Internet acronyms and text messaging shorthand."

### **www.tekmom.com/buzzwords**

The above is a site providing a computer dictionary for all ages.

### **www.enough.org**

Enough Is Enough is a site designed to make the Internet safer for children and families.

## SAFE SEARCH ENGINES AND DIRECTORIES FOR KIDS

### **GoGooligans**

<http://www.gogooligans.com>

This site uses Google technology, but is not by Google. It offers filtered searches for young people with options for acceptable sites for younger and older students.

### **Yahoo! Kids**

<http://kids.yahoo.com>

A kids version of Yahoo!, this commercial directory only links to safe and appropriate kids sites.

### **Ask Jeeves for Kids**

<http://www.ajkids.com/>

A unique commercial search engine that allows kids to search by using questions as well as keywords.

### **Awesome Library**

<http://www.awesomelibrary.org/>

This non-commercial directory includes more than 36,000 sites reviewed by educators. It has a translation service that lets visitors browse in several different languages.

### **Educational Software Directory**

<http://www.educational-software-directory.net>

In this directory, volunteers have reviewed and organized more than 23,000 sites into 14 categories.

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### DibDabDoo

<http://www.dibdabdoo.com>

A non-commercial, fast search engine that only looks for adult-reviewed sites safe for children and teens. The site currently has about 1 million links in its database.

### Britannica

[www.britannica.com](http://www.britannica.com)

Websites, magazines, books and the Encyclopedia Britannica.

### ALA Great Web Site for Kids

<http://www.ala.org/greatsites>

An organized directory of sites selected by members of the American Library Association using rigorous evaluation guidelines to assure high-quality content, authority and "strength of character."

### Education World

<http://www.education-world.com>

Over 500,000 sites of interest to educators.

### Fact Monster

<http://www.factmonster.com>

This site provides facts and information oriented around the needs of children.

### Family Source

<http://www.family-source.com>

This focused crawler-based service has indexed nearly 1 million kid-friendly URLs.

### FirstGov for Kids

<http://www.kids.gov>

From the U.S. Federal Citizen Information Center, this directory provides links to government-related kids' sites, along with some of the best kids' sites from other organizations, grouped by subject.

### Kids Search Tools

<http://www.rcls.org/ksearch.htm>

Search a variety of kid-safe search engines from a single page.

### TekMom's Search Tools for Students

<http://www.tekmom.com/search/>

This page is designed to provide research options for students who need to do Web searches, but who might not want to use the popular search engines that return links from the entire Web.

## Great Websites FOR KIDS

[http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ALSC\\_Great\\_Web\\_Sites\\_for\\_Kids/Great\\_Web\\_Sites\\_for\\_Kids.htm](http://www.ala.org/Content/NavigationMenu/ALSC_Great_Web_Sites_for_Kids/Great_Web_Sites_for_Kids.htm)

This American Library Association (ALA) directory includes links to online resources for fun and learning – all reviewed and organized by children's librarians.

### KidsClick!

<http://sunsite.berkeley.edu/KidsClick!>

This non-commercial directory lists more than 5,000 Websites hand-picked by librarians.

### NetSmartz Kids

<http://www.netsmartzkids.org/games/index.htm>

"NetSmartz is an interactive, educational safety resource from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America for children ages 5 to 17, parents, guardians, educators, and law enforcement that uses age-appropriate, 3-D activities to teach children how to stay safer on the Internet.

### KidSites

[kidsites.com](http://kidsites.com)

This site has approved links to tons of great sites dedicated to kids, teens and even grownup interests.

### Whyville

[www.whyville.net](http://www.whyville.net)

"Whyville is a virtual world where boys and girls from all over the real world come to chat, play, learn, and have fun together. You design your face, earn clams by playing games, hang out at the beach, and go to town events at the Greek Theater. You can start your own business, buy a car and give your friends a ride, or write for the town newspaper."

### Nicktropolis

<http://www.nick.com/nicktropolis/game/>

There is a whole city of things to do!!!

### Fun Brain

[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com)

Lots of fun [and educational] games for students in grades K-8.

### Zeeks

[www.zeeks.com](http://www.zeeks.com)

Games, activities, educational materials and other interesting stuff.

### Up to Ten

[www.uptoten.com](http://www.uptoten.com)

This site has fun [lots of games] and learning activities for children from preschool to age 10. Use the search to find activities easily.

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## Great websites

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### Enchanted Learning

[www.enchantedlearning.com](http://www.enchantedlearning.com)  
Education, crafts and games for the K-6 set.

### Pauly's Playhouse

[www.paulysplayhouse.com](http://www.paulysplayhouse.com)  
Fun games and activities for children ages 3 and up.

### 100 Top Kid Sites

[www.100topkid.com](http://www.100topkid.com)  
100 handpicked top kid sites.

### Ben's Guide

[bensguide.gpo.gov/subject.html](http://bensguide.gpo.gov/subject.html)  
U.S. government Web sites for kids.

### Extreme Kids

[ExtremeKids.com](http://ExtremeKids.com)  
Links to kids sites, from education to games.

### Kids.gov

[www.kids.gov](http://www.kids.gov)  
The official U.S. government portal for kids.

### Great Sites

[www.ala.org/greatsites](http://www.ala.org/greatsites)  
700-plus great sites selected by American Library Association.

### K.E.W.L.

[www.kewlkids.net](http://www.kewlkids.net)  
Kids Excellent Web Links.

### KidsKonnect

[www.kidskonnect.com](http://www.kidskonnect.com)  
Web directory maintained by educators.

### KIWE Interactive

[www.kiwe.net](http://www.kiwe.net)  
"Kid's Internet World Explorer (KIWE™), Version 2.0, is a specialty Internet browser designed to protect children from undesirable areas of the Internet while providing an extensive selection of pre-approved sites reviewed by educators and parents.

### Open Directory - Kids and Teens

[www.dmoz.org/Kids\\_and\\_Teens/](http://www.dmoz.org/Kids_and_Teens/)  
Sites selected by a vast army of volunteer editors.

### Ready to Learn

[www.nhptv.org/search/search.asp](http://www.nhptv.org/search/search.asp)  
Sites from New Hampshire Public Television and PBS

## HOW TO REPORT

If a child or teen is in immediate physical danger, call 911 or your local police.

If a young person is in danger of being lured into a real-life meeting with a predator, fill out [cybertip.ca](http://www.cybertip.ca)'s online reporting form at <http://www.cybertip.ca> or use their toll-free phone line: 1-866-658-9022 to report it as soon as possible. You should also contact your local police.

If a child or teen is being stalked, harassed or threatened online, contact your local police. You should also report any such incidents to your Internet Service Provider [ISP]. If the incident involves a fellow student, contact the school's principal as well.

## READING

### Kids Online

Protecting your children in cyberspace  
By Donna Rice Hughes

### Virtual worlds for kids

<http://familyinternet.about.com/od/websites/tp/virtualworldskids.htm>  
Pretend play game  
By Christy Matte  
This article will help you weigh the pros and cons of virtual world sites for kids, such as Club Penguin and Webkinz.

### MySpace removes 90,000 sex offenders

<http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/28999365>  
New figure is nearly double what MySpace officials estimated last year.  
By Marlon A. Walker

