

The world is changing so fast and the information systems we live with are growing at warp speed. You can hardly keep up with the technology. *Kids are exposed to way too many things, way too early in life.* Dr. Leman asks us to imagine the world of technology five years into the future. How right was he about Goliath and his growth!

We ask the Lord for wisdom.

Proverbs 2:6-8 For the LORD grants wisdom! From his mouth comes knowledge and understanding. He grants a treasure of common sense to the honest. He is a shield to those who walk with integrity. He guards the paths of the just and protects those who are faithful to him. (NLT)

What Wise Parents Can Do

- Be informed - Most parents only know a fraction of what their kids know
- Use non-threatening probing
- Jump In – join the apps your kids are using
- Understand how predators use the Internet to target children. There are millions of predators online right now. NetSmartz online safety education program provides age-appropriate videos and activities to help children be safer online.

Go to <https://www.missingkids.org/NetSmartz>

What to Do if You Discover Your Child Acting Inappropriately Online

- Don't storm in and unplug the computer
- Do nothing right away – until you have talked it through and thought about it
- Ask yourself why?
- Confront in a non-accusatory way
- Appear to be puzzled
- Remind them of consequences if it happens again

What You Should Implement in Your Home

- Have general rules about device usage
- Monitor what happens
- Make sure your children are aware of device safety and privacy
- Use filtering software

Standing up to Goliath

- Get your head out of the sand – become informed
- Know your kids and their peers
- Give guidelines, boundaries, and expectations
- Inspect what you expect
- Disconnect your child when you discover violations
- Reward when expectations are met
- Anchor them in the Word of God