

Parental Permission Letter

Dear Parent or Guardian:

This letter is to inform you that _____
(church/organization)

is inviting your student to participate in **First Love: Embracing a Love that Lasts**, a 22-week in-depth discipleship study for young women. This Bible study was written to disciple young women one-on-one or in a small group setting of no more than 4 girls.

This study addresses topics which students from all walks of life are facing, whether personally or in their social circles, such as **eating disorders, all forms of sexual activity, sexting, pornography, homosexuality/bisexuality/transgender, sexual abuse, media influence, drugs and alcohol, depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, modesty, occult/cult involvement, self-injury, STDs, pregnancy, abortion, and other topics** all from a biblical perspective.

In particular, **Part 2, Lesson Eight – Protecting Love** uses terms like: vaginal sex, oral sex, anal sex, mutual masturbation, penis, vagina, semen, sperm, and vaginal secretions during four video teachings by the author and in the listening guide that goes with the videos. The reason for their use is because our students need to understand how STDs are transmitted through various sexual behaviors, many of which students experiment with prior to vaginal sex. *How can they be expected to walk in sexual purity if they do not understand what behaviors God asks them to abstain from until marriage?* We do not use any graphic language or slang terms in this Bible study. If you are concerned about the content of this lesson, we would like to encourage you to preview the Bible study as well as videos **#24, #25, #26, and #27** at www.healinghearts.org/youth. Click on the **Part 2 Media** link. Since this study is in loose-leaf binder format, it is possible to remove **Lesson Eight** completely until you feel your child is mature enough to learn about these topics according to God's Word. However, there is no way to block access to the videos online, unless you have an internet filter with your parental settings secured. We have done everything possible to facilitate this study according to the needs and maturity level of your child. If you would like to accept our invitation of your child to participate in the **First Love** Bible study, please sign and date this form and return it by (Date):

Sincerely,

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

_____ **I want my child to participate in the *First Love* Bible study.**

_____ **I want my child to participate, but she will not be present for Part 2, Lesson Eight. We will be teaching this at home.**

Or, check this statement if you do not give permission for your child to participate:

_____ **I do not want my child participate in the *First Love* Bible study.**