

Grace Matters: Technology and the Family

Helpful Links (via Sarah Painter):

[Covenant Eyes Browser](#)

This is downloaded on all of our laptops. This is the browser my children have on their phones. My children do not have safari or google chrome on their phones. CE will block sites and track every site they visit and send you a report.

You can set times that they are not allowed on their computer browser as well.

[Xbox Family Settings](#)

When we got an xbox, I set up every child with a Hotmail email address to use with Xbox gaming so that I could manage their permissions. This is important to do before they have an xbox account so they don't lose things they've earned in games by switching to a new account.

I might have had to tweak my children's ages to make them older or younger, I cannot remember, when I set up their emails.

With family settings you can set hours they are allowed to play and how long. You can set permissions about strangers, etc...

[iPhone Screen Time](#)

This is enabled on all of our I-devices. Some of my children have their own apple id and some of my children share our apple id.

I would suggest giving them their own apple id if they are older but making their age younger if necessary or else you will not be able to control them from your phone.

If they have their own apple id, you can approve apps and control their screen time from your phone which is a really nice feature.

To create their apple id, go through the Family Share Settings in your iPhone.

I know many folks get cranky about Iphones and Apple products, but they are much much easier to navigate for protection.

If you think giving them a flip phone is better, you are wrong. You cannot lock down a flip phone on wifi. Having an iphone that has screen time is the easiest phone to lock down and protect.

I have created a step by step document, if the above directions are confusing.

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/RESTRICTING-IPHONES-IPADS-5129791>

These are just a few features that I use in our family to stay ahead of the game for managing technology and children.

Resources:

[The Techwise Family](#) by Andy Crouch

[12 Ways your iPhone is Changing You](#) by Tony Rienke

[From the Garden to the City: The Redeeming and Corrupting Power of Technology](#)
by John Dyer

Philosophy Resources:

[Technopoly](#) by Neil Postman

[Amusing Ourselves to Death](#) by Neil Postman

Covenanteyes.com (filtering, monitoring, accountability)

X3watch.com (accountability)

Qustodio.com (filtering, monitoring)

Podcasts:

[Stand To Reason interview with John Dyer](#)

[Core Christianity with David Zahl](#)

[The Gospel Coalition Podcast w/Andy Crouch – How to Become a Techwise Family](#)