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- "What are the rules you have at home about using your computer, tablets, or phones? Why do you think your parents made those rules?"
- "What kinds of devices do you have at home? What's the coolest thing about them?"
- "What's the funniest/coolest thing you've seen on your (or your parent's) phone or computer?"
- "We talk a lot at church about making wise choices. What do you think wise choices look like with technology?"
- "Are you or any of your friends on social media apps like Instagram or Snapchat? What do you think about that? How can you protect yourself on those apps?"
- "Let's all agree that we won't bring our phones or games out during small group. That way, we can respect each other and focus better."

WHAT **NOT** TO SAY:

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- "Kids your age shouldn't even be thinking about phones. That's crazy!"
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