

This new edition (formerly Reflections of Moral Innocence) was produced specifically for those parents who are unwilling to allow outside voices the freedom to dictate what sexual knowledge their children will hear, how they will hear it, and when they hear it. Any strategy to help children develop healthy and protective attitudes relating to their future generative powers, requires sexual knowledge to be transferred:

- 1. Gradually,
- 2. Sequentially, (line upon line, precept upon precept)
- 3. Subject to the child's moral, emotional and intellectual age and capacity.

These are three good reasons why this specific area of training cannot be satisfied by a book, given over to the schools or transferred to a youth-group leader. Only parents can create the right home environment conducive to satisfying the three learning criteria.

Protecting the Innocence of Childhood is a four part DVD series that can help any parent effectively communicate sexual knowledge to their children, in a timely manner, without overwhelming a child's senses, or undervaluing his or her emotions.

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# About the Ezzos

GARY and ANNE MARIE EZZO have authored more than twenty books on parenting and produced eight educational video series on child-rearing that have been utilized by millions of parents around the world. The Ezzo's valuesbased parenting philosophy has been utilized by thousands of churches and their various curriculums have been translated into many different languages.

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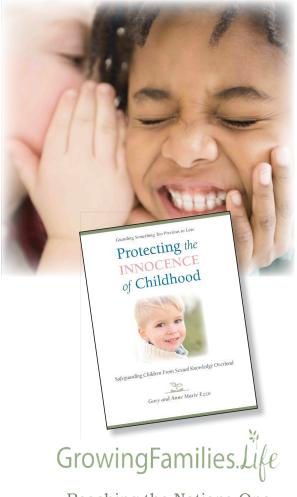


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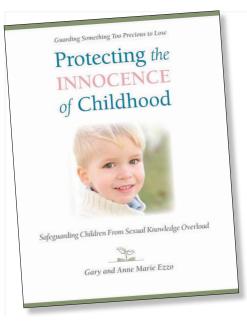
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# Protecting *the* INNOCENCE *of* Childhood



Reaching the Nations One Family at a Time

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# Protecting the Innocence of Childhood

Protecting the Innocence of Childhood is a study in the basics of human sexuality, especially the developing sexuality of our children. The Ezzos believe it is right to let children be children as long as they can, and believe it is wrong to rush children into adulthood through the medium of premature sexual knowledge. There is no faster way to rob a child of the innocence of childhood than inappropriate sex education. Children only get one childhood. What are you doing to protect it? This series discusses the practical how-to's of sex education and much more. Protecting the Innocence of Childhood defines the parameters of morality and protecting the moral innocence of your children. God's purpose for sex & marital intimacy. Body parts and what to call them. When the big questions come from little people.

What is the pro-active indirect method of sex education. So we ask: What does God say about human sexuality and the sexual innocence of children? What does He say about purity and the role of parents in forming right attitudes in their children's minds and hearts about their own sexuality? This series discusses the practical how-to's of sex education and much more. By the end of this series you should have the confidence of knowing how, what, and when to communicate biological truth to your children with biblical values attached without fearing that you are giving your children too much or too little information.

#### Session 1:

How do we satisfy giving our children age appropriate sexual knowledge whilst protecting the innocence of their childhood without compromising the integrity of either? The way forward will not be easy – it will be counter-cultural. This session looks into the challenge of actually Protecting the Innocence of Childhood in this technological saturated environment.

Sexual knowledge is not innocent knowledge, because it cannot be separated from moral knowledge needed to regulate and manage the associated emotions, desires and responses. Any passing on of sexual knowledge to children requires that a moral foundation be in place that is equal to or greater than the knowledge being presented. Too often age appropriate protections are missing.

# Session 2:

The session covers guidelines and influences governing the preparation side of moral and sexual development. What home life influences can help a child properly manage the challenges associated with sensual knowledge? From toddler through to pre-school years children begin forming their understanding of sexually-related concepts through the many subtle impressions created by parental example, attitudes and emphases. These impressions become the filters by which children interpret all future sexual knowledge.

## Session 3:

This session looks at the indirect method of sex education using the flower as a morally neutral object as the foundation. It takes you through the information, curious, readiness and comprehensive phases that our children will progress through as they mature.

## Session 4:

The content covered in this session deals with commonly asked questions in relation to the whole area of human sexuality and protecting the innocence of your children.

