



WELCOME!

If you are reading this letter you are considering facilitating a Parents of Teens class.

In order to help you prepare we want to give concrete details and also help you catch the spirit of Parents of Teens. We hope you find the facilitator helps easy to understand and use.

TWO PRELIMINARY WORDS

First, Mothers of Teens, Inc., is a non-profit organization and Parents of Teens is its operating name. No salary or profits are made in any way in this ministry.

Second, Parents of Teens is a Christ-centered ministry. There is no funding available for new groups and there will be some minimal costs for you. (i.e. paper, ink, and some supplies)

WATCH THE TEACHING VIDEO

If at this point you have not watched on the Parents of Teens website the video in which Jana Morrison introduces what a Parents of Teens class looks like this would be an appropriate time to do that. It gives a picture of a class being facilitated by Jana.

*As the domain name has changed from MomProps to Parents of Teens, a new video using the new domain name of Parents of Teens will be taped in May, 2014. Until then the MomProps video is being used.

LISTEN TO THE PODCASTS

One of the first important steps you can do to prepare is to acquaint yourself with the topics and podcasts by listening to the eight topics for the semester. One full eight-week Semester is currently provided on the website. Look for a second 8-week semester by Summer, 2014.

Use the *Topics/Podcasts/Agendas* under "Facilitators" at www.parentsofteens.org to listen by computer to each topic podcast. It is possible to burn CD's of each topic from the podcasts or the podcasts may also

be downloaded. One advantage of CD's or downloading podcasts is the ability then to listen to the podcasts while being in your car on the road each day. It is a good way to listen to all of the eight topics before your class covers them.

It is recommended that you be two to three topics ahead of your class listening to topics. You will not be able to solve all of the family issues you may come across as you facilitate a class but you WILL be able to answer questions about upcoming topics when you have listened to them ahead of time. This will give you confidence and you will know where you are headed in the semester.

AUDIO PODCASTS

If you would like to investigate more into "The Hidden Traps of Adolescence" and "The Deadly Traps of Adolescence" (the core curriculum of Parents of Teens) both sets of radio programs can be found by going to the Family Life website (www.familylife.com). Type either series into the search box . Each of these is a set containing about eight topics, some of which have been selected for the 8-week semester provided for you on the Class Topics List. By going to the Family Life website you will be exposed to additional supportive material you may find helpful.

RECOMMENDED TIPS

Find a few friends who will pray for you as you go about organizing and preparing to lead.

Share your desire to minister to parents with the appropriate pastor of your church. Elicit his help and any leadership he can give.

Below are listed the further documents and instruction on topics you need as you prepare to get your group going. Please contact us through our website if we can offer mentoring as you prepare. (Look for the "Contact Us" page or go to the bottom of the "Facilitators" page and fill out the "Facilitators Questions" form.)

May God bless your efforts! Our prayer is that scores of parents are better equipped to wisely parent their children through the teen years as a direct result of your effort and prayer. We also hope facilitating a class strengthens your own parenting and blesses your family as it has our families.

Sincerely,
The Parents of Teens Team

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS AND INSTRUCTION TO FOLLOW:

1. Steps to Starting a Parents of Teens Group
2. Steps to Preparing for Your Parents of Teens Meeting
3. Summary of All Items to Gather for a Meeting
4. Class Topics List
5. How to Prepare an Agenda
6. Listening to Podcasts and Forming Small Groups
7. How to Make a Parents of Teens Folder
8. Documents for Parents of Teens Folders
9. Where to find Supplies
10. Preparing Your Welcome Table
11. Optional Book Table
12. Hospitality