

## What is Created by God?

*Created By God* is a Human Sexuality Workshop for 5th & 6th graders.

It seeks to:

- affirm growth and change as part of God's plan for life
- recognize and celebrate human sexuality as a good gift of God
- suggest guidelines for love-filled relationships
- challenge young people to assume responsibility for making wise choices
- open the lines of communication between parent and child

## What curriculum do you use?

### **Created by God Student Book: Tweens, Faith, and Human Sexuality**

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### **Created by God Leader's Guide CD-ROM: Tweens, Faith, and Human Sexuality New Edition**

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## FREQUENTLY

## ASKED QUESTIONS

*"We recognize the continuing need for full, positive, age-appropriate and factual sex education opportunities for children, young people, and adults.*

*The Church offers a unique opportunity to give quality guidance and education in this area. . ."*

— From The United Methodist Book of Discipline, ¶161, The Nurturing Community, Section G, Human Sexuality

## CBG—FAQs

### What does a typical CBG weekend schedule look like?

#### **Thursday**

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

- ◆ Parents Meet – no students

#### **Friday**

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- ◆ Students Meet – no parents

#### **Saturday**

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

- ◆ Students Meet – no parents
- ◆ Lunch provided

5:00 p.m. – 5:30p.m.

- ◆ Combined parent/child closing celebration

For more information about *Created by God*, including frequently asked questions and how to become a certified leader, go to :

<http://kidz.arumc.org/curriculum/created-by-god/>

### Why do parents need to attend?

Communication between parents and children is essential; especially when dealing with matters of human sexuality. In order for parents to know and understand the content of the sessions and affirm their child's participation in *Created by God*, at least one parent needs to attend the Thursday evening parent session and Saturday afternoon closing celebration.

At the parent meeting which is held prior to the *Created by God* weekend, the leader will give a Biblical, theological and statistical rationale for human sexuality education in a Christian Education setting. Also, he/she will tell parents exactly what will be presented to the students during the course of the weekend and demonstrate the methods and materials that will be used. Of course, all questions and concerns of the parents will be addressed during this time.

### Why can't my child miss a couple of hours on Saturday morning?

In order for the students to establish a comfort level with the group and the subject matter, the program is designed in such a way as to progressively build a community of trust through a variety of activities. Also, by attending all sessions in their entirety, students will receive complete, rather than piecemeal information.

### How are leaders certified in CBG?

All certified *CBG* leaders are Safe Sanctuary approved meaning they have gone through an application and interview process, reference checks, a criminal background check, and an Arkansas Child Maltreatment check. After completing the set number of hours required for observing and leading a *Created by God* class and submitting a set of lesson plans, the applicant is then approved by the Arkansas Conference Council on Children's Ministries. Currently, all of the *CBG* certified leaders are or have been public school teachers and/or administrators.

### How much does this cost?

You will negotiate a contract with your *Created by God* leader. Typically, this includes payment for 8 hours of preparation and parent/student contact time plus mileage and/or lodging. Each student will need a book (about \$7), a few miscellaneous craft supplies, snacks and lunch on Saturday.

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