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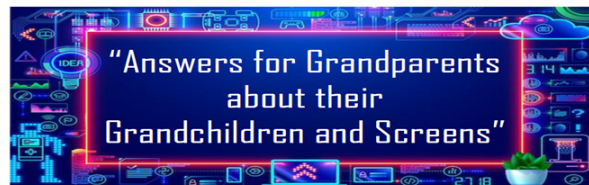
Grandparents, how savvy are you about your grandchildren and their use of screens?

- Do you know how too much screen time affects a child's brain?
- How long is it safe for a child to be on a device?
- What is the ideal age to give a child a phone?
- What does screen addiction look like?

And most importantly...what is your role as a grandparent on the issue of screen use in your family?



Coming This Fall



Stay tuned for date and time!

Some Kids Just Like Bugs

...and other creepy crawly things. My little, blond, girlie-girl granddaughter is one of those! Whether it's roly-polys, earthworms, a box turtle, or monarch caterpillars, she's in her dream world when she's handling them.

Summer is the perfect season for grandchildren to thrive as they explore God's creation. When our grands are away from gaming screens or watching TV, the outdoor classroom doors swing wide open. Grandparents can admire the creepy crawlies through a different lens. While they exclaim with oohs and aahs over the design features of the critter before them,

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what an opportunity to extend the conversation and exclaim with amazement over the Creator! Honor the Designer so your grandchildren learn to honor God!

Let's get started with something that is familiar to all of us!

Did you know . . . ?

1. Earthworms love dirt! They spend their whole lives eating soil and decaying leaves and pooping it out behind them. Their waste is called "castings," which is very nutritious for amending your soil.
2. An average acre of soil contains over three million earthworms, which are usually found in the top five inches of soil.
3. Earthworms breathe through their skin. That's why they come to the surface after a heavy rain. Otherwise, they might drown.
4. If you cut off a worm's tail, it will regrow the tail section. Most will not regrow the head portion.
5. God, your designs are so awesome!

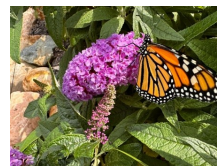


Did you know?

1. Eastern box turtles get their name because they can pull their whole body inside the shell and "box themselves up." There is a hinge across the bottom of the shell that allows them to do this.
2. Box turtle shells are made of bones with many open spaces so the shell is not too heavy to carry.
3. Box turtles are not designed to swim. Instead, they are designed for the forest floor and the pattern on their shell acts as perfect camouflage.
4. A box turtle can survive through sub-zero temperatures in the winter by producing a biological antifreeze of glucose which protects its vital organs. According to biologist Dr. Gordon Wilson, 58% of the turtle's body water can be frozen solid for at least 73 hours and it can still thaw out and be fine.
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Did you know?

1. Monarch butterfly eggs are the size of the head of a pin and can be found by checking the underside of milkweed leaves.
2. Monarch butterfly "worms" eat only milkweed leaves.
3. The green monarch "worm" remains in a chrysalis about 10 days and then turns into a butterfly.
4. At the end of the summer, the fourth generation of monarch butterflies will migrate 2,500 miles to spend the winter in central Mexico.
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Did you know?



1. Roly polys, also known as pill bugs, are terrestrial crustaceans that grow about half an inch long.
2. They have small heads and abdomens, but 14 legs. Their thoraxes are made up of seven overlapping plates that look and act like armor.
3. A roly poly rolls itself into a ball when it feels it is under attack.
4. Roly polys are decomposers. They eat decaying material found in damp areas under leaves, rocks, and logs and turn what they eat back into the soil. You could think of them as little composting machines.
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Event Recap

On June 14, 2025, College Park Church was invited to be a test site for new curriculum written by Legacy Coalition's founder, Larry Fowler. It will become the sequel to the first 6-lesson series called "Grandparenting Matters". An audience of 50 grandparents from various churches around Indianapolis gathered on our campus to learn and critique the new material. Stay tuned for an offering of the series "Grandparenting **Influence Matters**," coming in 2026.



Larry Fowler, Founder of Legacy Coalition, presents a session on the influence of grandparents in the lives of grandchildren.



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