

# SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE

For Android Devices



## PARENT GUIDE

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# WHY DO WE NEED THIS?

Statistics and social media do not get along. Every statistic about social media shows that it is harmful to us, which creates a problem. We can try to fight the adverse effects of social media by getting rid of it, yet, it seems impossible to live in a world without social media. And for our teens, social media is more than just an app; it's their social hub, hangout place, and a way to express themselves. Taking those things away can seem daunting. We need to equip ourselves with tools to help us lead our students in lives that fight the adverse effects of social media and, at the same time, glorify God.

Paul says it in Colossians 3:17:

17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

If we are called to do everything for the Glory of God, that means two things when it comes to what we are learning today:

1. As parents, when we create rules, boundaries, and expectations, we are called to glorify God through it.
2. Our students don't need to obey parents just because they say so, but because they can glorify God through it.

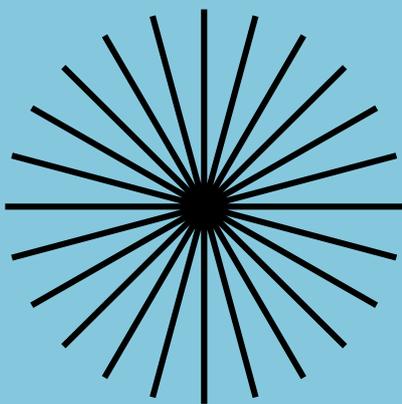
As this social media era has created such a significant roadblock in the lives of our families, we have realized that there is a HUGE opportunity for both our parents and students to be challenged on glorifying God when it comes to how we should deal with social media and parental controls.

Here is the reality: A study done back in 2017 revealed that 79% of teenagers would rather live in a world without social media. We can only imagine this number to have gone up in the last five years. This statistic means that your student hopes that someone will help them because our students feel the adverse effects. And they know they need help.

Our hope is not to make the lives of our students miserable; please read that again. We need you to give your students grace and love as you set up limits and rules. Give them opportunities to glorify God instead of just doing what you say, give them a chance to show that you can trust them, and help them find healthy ways to interact with their social media.

We pray that this guide helps you and your family experience a closer relationship with God and allows you to glorify Him in everything that you do!

**The PSC YOUTH Team.**





# PARENTAL CONTROLS

Using Family Link, you can control the settings for Google Play (Apps, Games, Music), Chrome, and Google search on your student's device. In addition to these Google Service controls, you can also track your family member's location, set limits, and more using the Family Link.

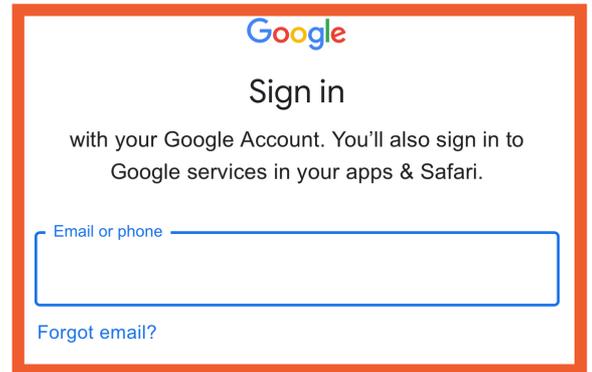
Steps:

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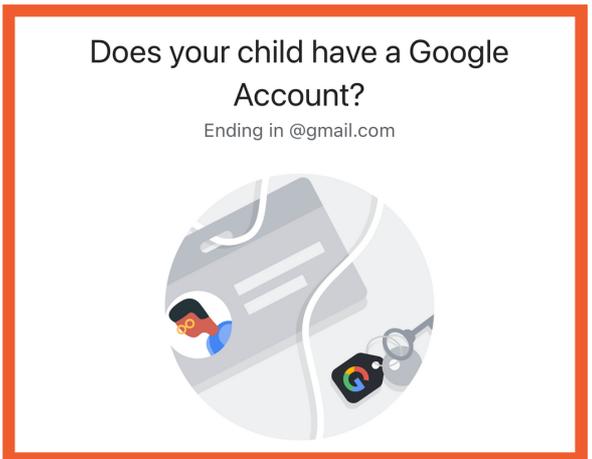
Adult can create a family group on Google and add other members to that. To proceed, you have to download and install the Family Link app on your smartphone. If you are using an Android phone, make sure that your device is running on Android 5.0 or above. You can also monitor your student's Android phone with an iPhone. For iOS, you need to have at least iOS 9 or higher.



Once installed, open the Family Link App. Have your student's phone nearby.

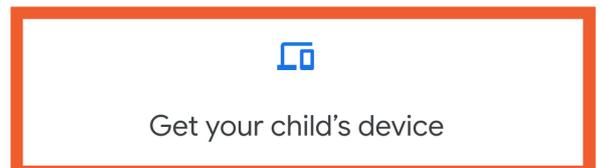


Sign in to the Gmail account you'll use to manage the Family Link settings.



It will ask you if your student has a Gmail account. We recommend that they have a personal Gmail, and not use their school Gmail for monitoring. You can add the school Gmail later on if needed. If they don't have a personal Gmail click on "No" to create one, otherwise click on "Yes".

**This part is done on your student's phone.**



Go to **settings-Parental Controls**. This should take you to the download page of the "Family Link child and teen" app. Download

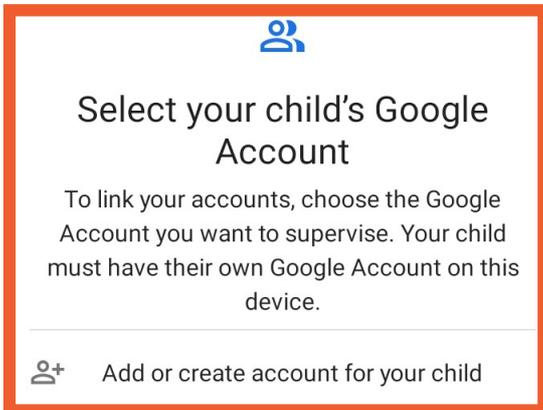


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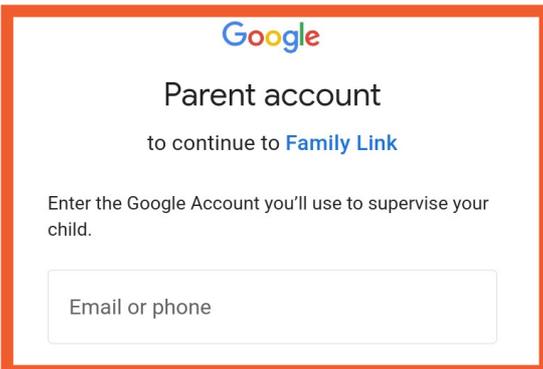


Once the app is downloaded, open the app and begin the process.

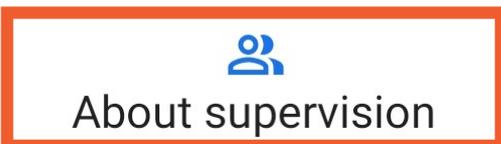
Read the **"Next Steps"** screen and click **"Next"** when done.



On the next screen, have your student sign in to their Gmail account. if they don't have one, create one.



Next, enter and sign in to the account that you (the parent) will be using to monitor your student's phone.



Read the "About Supervision" section to see what you can and can't do with the Family Link App.

psc, enter your password to finish linking accounts

 pscyouth22@gmail.com

To confirm you and Luis (mluisanchez@gmail.com) have both reviewed what supervision means and want to link your accounts, you must enter your password.

psc's password 

At the bottom of this page, have your student put in the password to their Gmail account and click **agree**.

## Allow supervision?

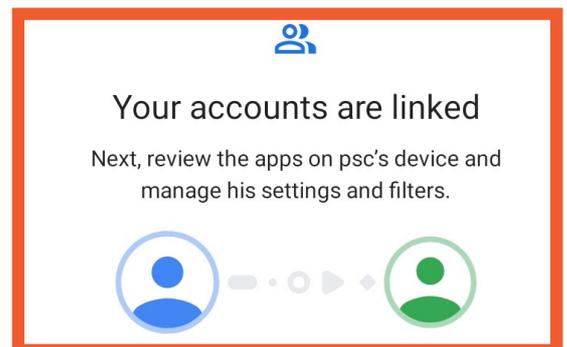
Family Link Manager will be installed to help parents supervise the activity on this device.

This device will be managed and monitored by Family Link Manager.

[Cancel](#)

[Allow](#)

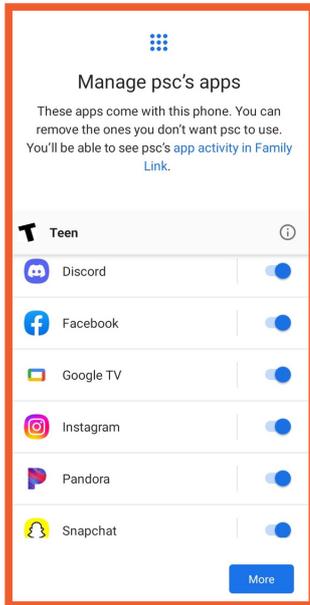
A pop-up will show up. Tap on **"Allow"** to continue.



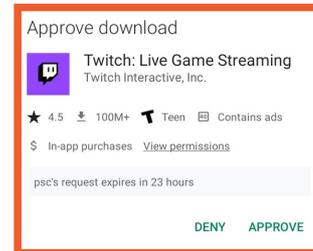
Wait for the confirmation message, and once the accounts are linked you are ready to work on the monitoring settings.



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You can select any apps that you want to remove from your student's phone. Go through each one of them and leave them in blue if you wish to keep them, otherwise tap on the blue button to remove them. Click on **"More"** when done.

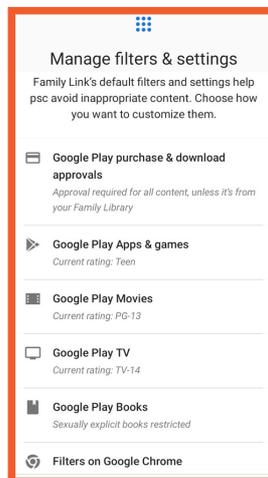


**Google Play:** Set approval for any apps that your student wants to download. Your student will send a notification to your

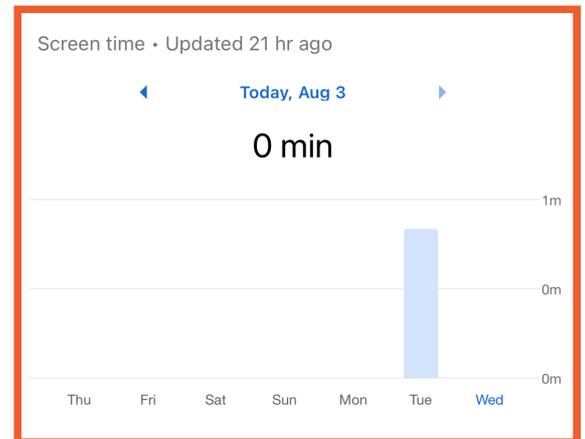
phone which will give you information on the app and give you the option to either deny or approve the app.

**Content Restrictions:** You can set all types of restrictions. Including **"Youtube Restricted Mode"** which filters any explicit or mature videos that could appear on your student's youtube. You can also filter specific websites through the **"Google Chrome"** section. Just enter the web address of whatever website you wish to block.

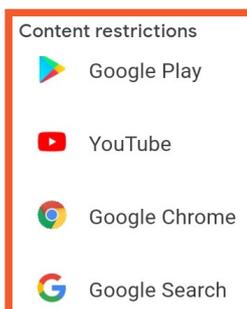
Take some time to set up filters for what your student can access. Including approval to download apps, age restrictions, and online filters to block mature content. Once you have set up all the settings tap **"Next"**.



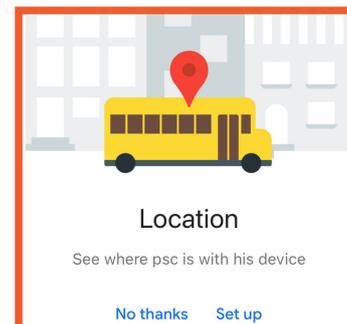
Since you have already downloaded the Family Link app to your phone, you can skip the next screen. **We will use the parent's phone from now on.**



The Screen time area allows you to see how much time your student has spent on their phone and which apps they have been using.



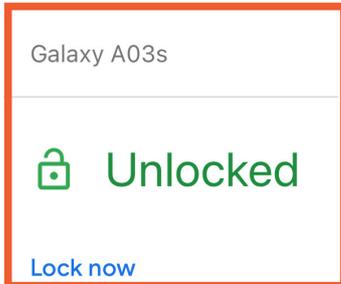
**Through the FamilyLink you can monitor and limit your student's phone through many different settings.**



You can set up "Location" to be able to see your student's phone location.

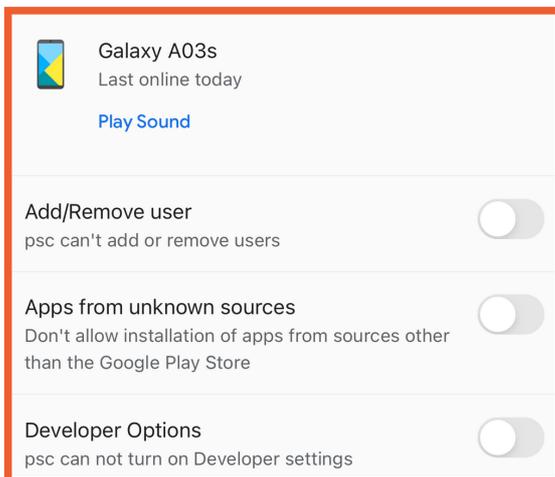
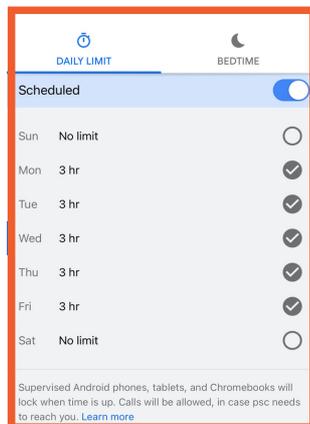


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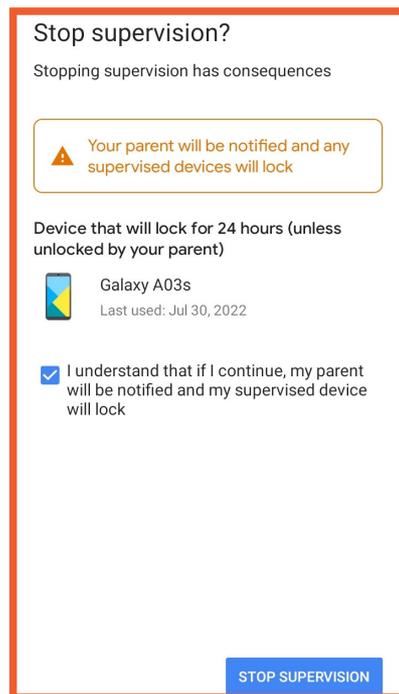
You can choose to lock your student's phone by tapping **Lock now.**

Through the "Daily Limit" screen you can set daily time limits for each day. Through bedtime you can set the phone to lock automatically at a certain time of the day.

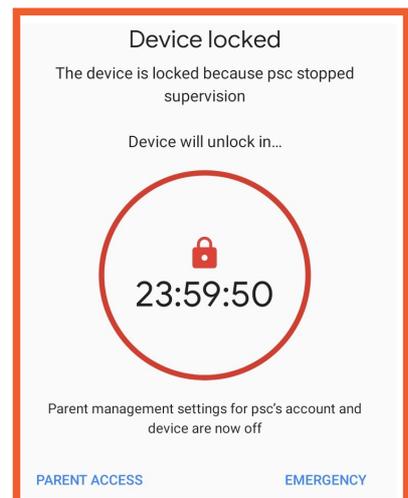


Some extra settings that you might want to check out are right next the to **"Play Sound"** button. Click on the **"Settings"** button. Here you can make sure that your student can't **download apps from unknown sources** known as "apks". These allow students to override your app approvals so you want to make sure it is not turned on.

It's important to note that students have the ability to stop supervision at any time, but if they do you will be notified and their devices will be temporarily locked and unusable.



Your student will always have the option to stop being supervised. You will be notified and can choose to stop supervision or to continue supervising your student's phone.



While you decide whether you want to keep the supervision on your student's phone, their phone will be locked for 24 hours.



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Not everything about Instagram is bad! Follow our Youth Ministry account to stay plugged into our events, encouraging words and students' spiritual growth.



## Visit our website

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Make sure you visit our website [www.psc.church](http://www.psc.church) to find out more about what we do at PSC. Follow us on social media @palmetto\_shores too!



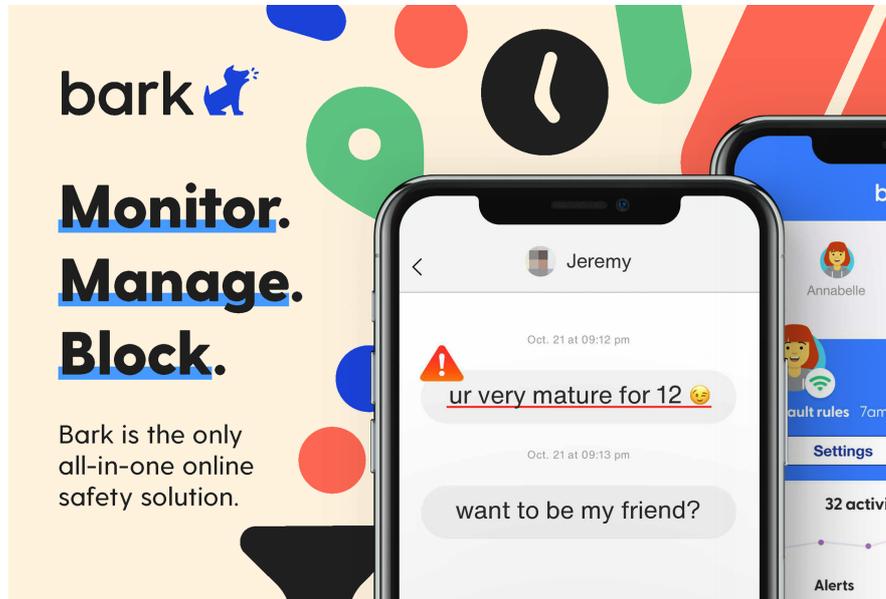
## Parent Monthly Newsletter

Stay up to date!

What is the best way to stay up to date with everything in our ministry? We send out a monthly newsletter with all of our upcoming events both for parents and students, insight into what we are teaching at youth group, and encouraging words for parents! Scan the QR code to sign up for our newsletter!

# STAY CONNECTED

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### Monitor content

Get alerts from 30+ apps and social media platforms for signs of issues like cyberbullying, online predators, and violence.



### Manage screen time

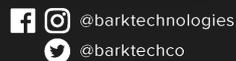
Choose how much screen time your child will receive and when they can access the internet on their device.



### Filter websites

Allow and block access to specific websites or even whole categories like streaming services, online gaming, and more.

Visit [bark.us](https://www.bark.us) to sign up and try us free for seven days.



Bark is the best third-party parental control app. Its best features involve the monitoring and flagging of any messages that might be dangerous or inappropriate. This takes away the need to go through countless text messages to find anything alarming.

Bark is a paid program that does provide various features that might be just what you need. The cost is \$14 a month or \$99 per year.

You can visit <https://www.bark.us/> to check it out. In addition, you can try out the 7-day free trial. We have partnered with Bark to provide parents with a great way to keep our students safe. If you are using the free trial or subscribing to Bark, please use **"PSYTH"** under the referral code to support our ministry.

The cons to Bark are that it can't monitor Instagram DMs and that you won't get updated notifications until your student is connected to your home wifi since most phone companies won't allow it to share that data straight from the phone.

# NOTES

# Social Media Workshop

08.20.21 | 10-2PM | PALMETTO SHORES

Looking to go more in-depth? Want to know more about all the apps that your student is using? Need hands-on technical help?

Sign up for our Social Media Workshop event!

Visit [www.psc.church](http://www.psc.church) sign up or scan the QR code below.



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