



Warren Willis Camp and Conference Center

April 16-18, 2021

Created By God is a comprehensive, faith-based study of human sexuality for 5th/6th graders and their parents/guardians. The Created by God curriculum was developed by Dr. James H. Ritchie. Dr. Ritchie has personally worked with us on the development of this retreat. It will be an amazing weekend for you and your child to learn, to grow, and to open up conversations about the physical changes they are experiencing.

Mission:

- *To offer reliable information to young persons about human sexuality- anatomy, attitudes, growth and development, relationships, reproduction, responsibility, and safety—built on a foundation of faith.
- *To create arenas of intimacy where young persons feel free to ask all of their questions.
- *To nurture communication skills between parents and preteens.

Format:

Our staff of professional children and family ministers will spend time with both parents and other children over four sessions of active learning experiences. The children will experience the curriculum in mixed-gender, small groups. Parents will be led through a series of workshops, forums, and discussions dealing with raising children in the 5th grade and beyond. Scripture, worship, and fun games and activities are woven throughout the study. Some sessions will combine parents and children opening lines of communication.

Why Them, Why Now?

5th graders are at the ideal age for a study like Created by God. While some of them are already familiar with growth spurts, menstruation, deepening voices, and changing family dynamics, such phenomena have not yet taken complete control of their lives. They are curious but not yet obligated to pretend as though they already know everything. When placed in a setting where their ability to understand “adult” information is appreciated and their questions treated with respect, they will ask anything.

\$110 Per Person Information and registration at WWWUMCC.org