

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

# Keeping God's Children Safe



## Pinwheel Project

Learn, listen, believe, pray- these are some simple steps that everyone, young and old alike, can take to help keep children safe. The pinwheel templates in this activity guide were designed with various age groups in mind. The first pinwheel is for young children to assemble with the help of an adult. The second pinwheel is for adolescents, and the third is for adults or for parish displays. As you assemble your pinwheels, please take some time to talk with your children or students about personal safety. Use the enclosed discussion questions to jump start your conversation.

**For more resources, visit:** [www.catholicnh.org/parents](http://www.catholicnh.org/parents)

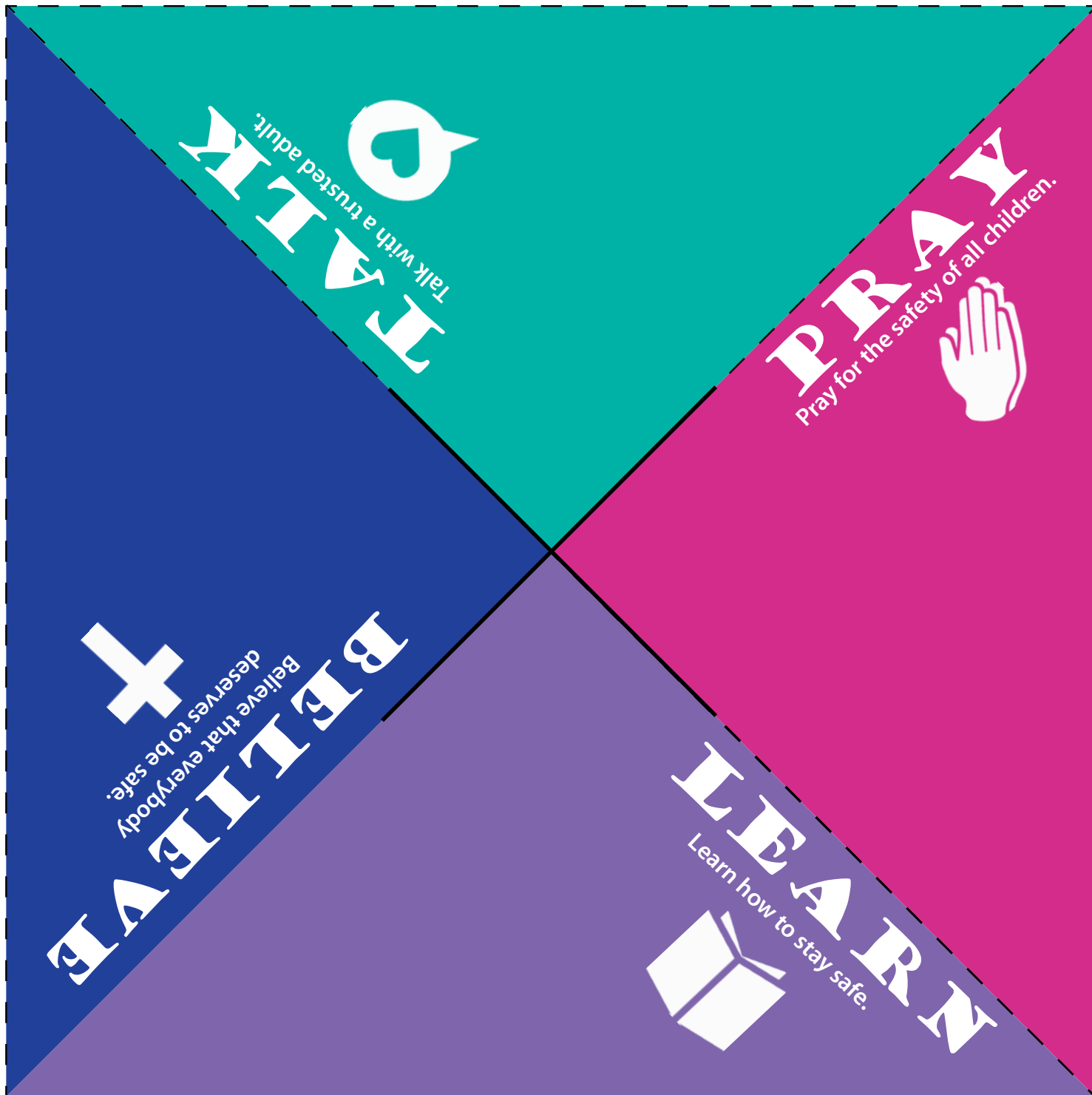
### Materials Needed

a printed copy of the attached pinwheel  
scissors  
push pin  
pencil with an eraser

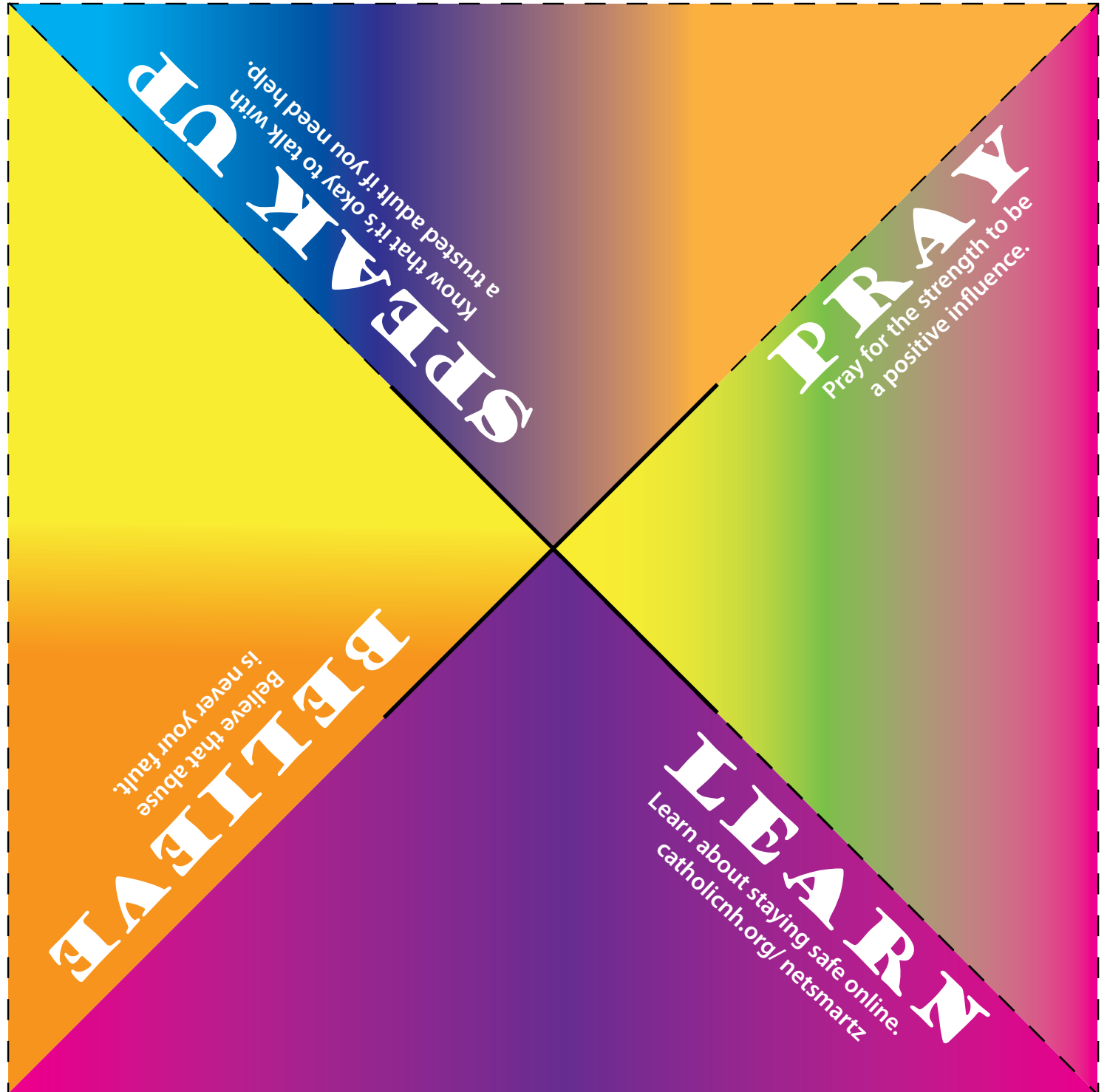
### How to Assemble Your Pinwheel

1. Print your selected design (color is best).
2. Following the dashed lines, cut around the outside edge.
3. Cut along the dashed lines from each corner toward the center. Don't go too far!
4. Using your push pin, punch a hole in each of the 4 corners (in the corner where there is not any text).
5. Pull punched corners down one at a time towards the center point and secure them one by one with the push pin.
6. Place the pencil on a flat surface. Hold your pinwheel carefully, and push the pin into the side of the pencil eraser.
7. Your pinwheel is ready. Walk forward and watch it spin!

# Pinwheel for Children



# Pinwheel for Teens



# Pinwheel for Adults



# Family Discussion Cards

Use these discussion cards to jump start conversations with your children.

**What would you do if you saw someone you respect breaking the rules?**

**What would you do if you received a text message from someone you don't know?**

**Have you ever been bullied or seen someone else being bullied? What did you do?**

**What's your favorite website and why?**

**What would you do if you received an IM, text, or picture that made you feel uncomfortable?**

**Name someone with whom you would feel comfortable talking to if you had a problem you couldn't solve on your own.**

**Do you have a trusted adult in your life? Who is it and why?**

**Have you ever teased or bullied someone else? Why do you think you did that and did anyone intervene?**

**Talk about a time when you felt scared. What did you do?**