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Dear _____,

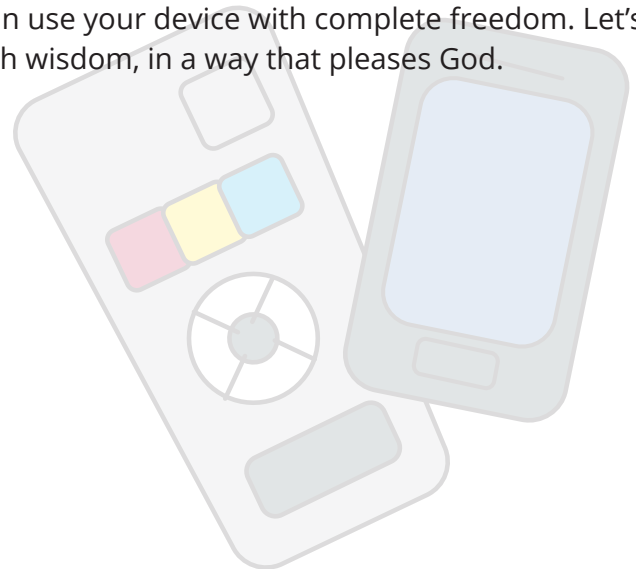
This is an exciting time! You're growing up, getting more responsibility, and taking a huge step toward becoming an adult. You're getting your first _____. This is a big deal. There's going to be a lot of fun and freedom using this device. You'll have a blast, but there are also some important things we need to talk about.

A new device, whether it's an iPad or a cell phone, is a lot of responsibility. Anything that can connect to the Internet puts infinity at your fingertips. Meaning, the Internet gives us access to a lot of resources to learn, laugh at and help us communicate with each other. Unfortunately, not everything about the Internet is safe. There are also unhealthy ways to use the device. Because of this, we need to talk about rules and boundaries.

Rules and boundaries don't sound fun, but they're important. No parent would put their child behind the wheel of a car without lessons or suggestions and say, *Have a blast!* and walk away! Everyone needs to learn the rules of the road and how to use a car responsibly, otherwise drivers could hurt themselves and others. It's the same with the device you're getting. You need to learn how to use it responsibly.

The goal of this contract is to get to a place where you can use your device with complete freedom. Let's work together so you can use this powerful, new tool with wisdom, in a way that pleases God.

With love,





Now that I'm being given a device, I promise to...

Seek Safety First

- I promise I won't create accounts or give out any personal information... I promise I won't share passwords... I promise to stop talking to anyone who makes me feel pressured... I promise to let my parents know if I intentionally or accidentally see something I know I shouldn't when using my device.

Think Before I Post

- I promise to not bully, humiliate or upset anyone online or with my device... I promise to take and share appropriate pictures of myself and others... I will not post anything online, text, or share on an app that could harm me or the people I love.

Choose What's Real Over What's Not

- I promise to be mindful of how much time I spend on my device... I promise to respect and follow the time and device use limits my parents set... I promise to check sources for things I read on the Internet before blindly believing them.

My parents promise to...

- Communicate the boundaries they've set for themselves so everyone can keep each other accountable... Be upfront and honest when saying "no" to something... Help me find media that's appropriate and fun.

(Student Signature)

(Parent[s] Signature)