Dear Mom and Dad:

At the bottom of this page is a very important lesson that every child needs to learn. Please read it with your child. If you wish, put the lesson into your own words.

Then you and your child can have fun together, finding and circling the key words that are hidden below. The words can be in any direction, including up, down, and diagonal. Please make sure that your child’s questions are answered, and that they understand the lesson!

Every boy and man has a **PENIS**, and every girl and woman has a **VAGINA**. These parts of the body are **PRIVATE**. Your private parts are any parts of your body covered by your bathing **SUIT**.

No one else should **EVER TOUCH** or ask to **SEE** these parts unless you need **HELP** to stay clean or healthy. If anyone tries to touch them, say **NO**! Then **TELL** a **PARENT** or other grownup who you **TRUST**.

If someone tries to touch your private parts, they might want you to keep it **SECRET**. They might tell you that you **LET** them do it, or that you **LIKED** it. You might feel **SAD**, or **MAD**, or **UPSET**. You might even be **AFRAID** of getting in trouble.

But it is **NEVER** a child’s **FAULT**. Your parents will make sure that others **STOP** touching your private parts, or doing other things to **HURT** you. If your parents ever ask you whether anyone has touched your private parts, you should **ANSWER** them truthfully.
For more information about keeping children safe from sexual abuse, and what to do if you think that your child (or any child) may have been abused, please visit us online at ecu.edu/tedibear.