# The Boys' Institute for Growth







Resources

# The BIG Talks for Boys:

Questions You Can Ask Your Parents/Trusted Adults

#### **Beginning Puberty:**

- 1. When did you start puberty? Were you early, average, or late in starting?
- 2. Do you remember the first signs? What were they?

#### Talking with others about puberty:

- 1. Did you ever talk to your parents or a trusted adult about puberty and sex?
- 2. If not, how did you learn about it?
- 3. Did you talk to your friends about it?

#### **Physical Changes:**

- 1. Was your acne mild, medium, or more extreme when you went through puberty? How did you take care of your skin? Did you have a good routine?
- 2. Did you have growing pains during puberty? Where on your body?
- 3. Mom (or female role model), when did you get your first period?
- 4. Mom (or female role model), do you use a tampon, sanitary pad, or another method?
- 5. Dad (or male role model), did you ever have wet dreams as a teenager? Do you ever have them now?
- 6. Dad (or male role model), when did you start shaving? Do you use/like the electric razor or regular blade?
- 7. Dad (or male role model), did your voice crack when it started to get deeper?

## My Birth:

- 1. Was I born through the vagina or by C-section? If C-section, how come? Was I born head first or feet first?
- 2. How long did mom push? How much did I weigh when I was born? Was I born before, at, or after 40 weeks?
- 3. Dad (or partner), were you in the room when I was born? What was it like?
- 4. Dad (or partner), did you cut my umbilical cord? What was that like?

## **Other Questions:**

- 1. What are your thoughts and opinions about masturbation?
- 2. What were some exciting things about going through puberty? What were some hard things?
- 3. What are some other "Plenty Of's" I can focus on during puberty?

Think of any other questions now or in the future you want to ask your parents and don't be afraid to ask!