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<p>"Everyone else is doing it."</p>	<p>"It might seem that way, but that's not true. Most teenagers have not had sex. That's right, a majority of high school students in America are not doing it. I'm sure there are plenty of kids at your school that aren't doing it either."</p>
<p>"Pregnancy or STDs won't happen to me."</p>	<p>"Honey, I wish that were true. Any time that a boy and a girl have sex, there is a chance of a pregnancy. I'll bet those girls, and the boys who slept with them, thought that it wouldn't happen to them."</p> <p>"It is the same story with STDs. Teenagers and young adults get half of the newly diagnosed STDs. I love you too much to have you be a statistic."</p> <p>"Pregnancy and STDs <b>can</b> happen to you. You don't know how many kids at your school have STDs, since you can't tell by looking at someone whether they have an STD or not. And you <b>do</b> know kids at your school who got pregnant. If it can happen to them, it can happen to you."</p>
<p>"But we are in love."</p>	<p>"Just because you feel you are in love doesn't mean you should have sex. There are many ways to show love without sex. And if he/she really loves you, then he/she should respect your choice to wait. Remember everything we've talked about; it's healthy to wait."</p>
<p>"There are girls in my high school who are pregnant."</p>	<p>"That is a big responsibility. I hope they finish school, have help, and are able to continue working toward their career and other life goals."</p> <p>"Did you know that a baby born to an unmarried teen mother who didn't finish high school is nine times more likely to grow up in poverty than a child born to a married adult woman who did finish high school?"</p>

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<p>"I feel pressure. Everyone is doing it. I'm not sure I know how to say no."</p>	<p>"First of all, let's talk about the situations where you feel pressured to have sex."</p> <p>"Let's practice how you are going to say no."</p> <p>"Remember, call me anytime you are in an uncomfortable situation, and I'll come get you right away. We can even have a code word that means, 'Come get me right away.'"</p>
<p>"You know I'm not a virgin anymore, so stop bothering me."</p>	<p>"I want to talk about this because I love and care about you. Just because you've had sex doesn't mean you have to continue. There are so many health and emotional risks."</p> <p>"The healthiest choice is for you to wait. You need to think about what will make you happy and healthy from now on. You can still say no now even if you've said yes before."</p> <p>"Okay, let's talk about STDs and pregnancy so we can be sure you are making healthy choices."</p>
<p>"All you tell me is, 'Don't do this, don't do that!' So what am I supposed to do?!?"</p>	<p>"That's fair. There are some things I don't think you should be doing. But I'm actually saying that you should do something better than have sex. I'm saying there are more important things out there to do right now. Like pursuing your goals and dreams. Learning how to be in an emotionally mature relationship. Staying focused on your friends."</p>

