

### **Sample Pulpit Speech:**

On September 5, 2003 Jeanne Caroline's world changed forever. Jeanne and her husband Sean lived in Largo, Florida with their son Seanne, a warm, bright and loving seventh grader who pitched for his Little League team. On that Friday, Jeanne was just sitting down to dinner with her sister, when she heard the news from a police officer at her door. Her son, Seanne had been unintentionally shot and killed at a friend's house. Jeanne is just one parent among many who lose children every year to accidental shootings. 8 children and teens are killed every day in America by firearms. Many of these terrible tragedies can be prevented if parents would just ASK if there are guns in the homes where their children play. 40% of homes with children in this country have firearms in them. June 21st is National ASK Day. Make your family safer by ASKing your friends, neighbors and babysitters if there are guns where your children play. If there are, make sure that they are locked up and unloaded. If you don't feel comfortable with the storage situation, ask your child's playmate to come to your house instead. It's a simple question that could save your child's life.