OoVoo

OoVoo is a video chat and messaging app, and is available for iPhone/iPod/iPads and Androids.  You can also use OoVoo on a computer (PC or MAC).  With OoVoo you can video chat with up to 12 people at a time; you can see four people at once on screen during these video chats.   This maybe is the feature that kids really like.

While kids can use FaceTime on their iPods and iPads, FaceTime only allows for a two-way call.  OoVoo will let them have a little video chat party.  Unlike [Kik](http://www.bewebsmart.com/social-media/youtube-videos-on-kik-with-kik-cards/), OoVoo doesn’t have the built-in features like sending YouTube videos or playing games.  Unlike [Keek](http://www.bewebsmart.com/social-media/what-is-keek/), privacy settings exist.  Unlike [Snapchat](http://www.bewebsmart.com/internet-safety/is-snapchat-okay-for-kids/), messages don’t disappear.  Unlike [Tango](http://www.bewebsmart.com/app-review/what-is-tango-okay-for-kids/), location settings don’t give away where you are in the world.

There are some good features with OoVoo – as long as kids remember privacy and safety!

OoVoo has a privacy option where you can specify how and if people can find you on OoVoo.  You can choose either “Anyone”, “People who know your email address

or ooVoo ID”, or “Nobody”.  Choose the middle option as shown, and there is less of a chance that random strangers will find you and send you messages.  With this option, a friend who knows your e-mail address – presumably a friend – can find you and send you a friend request.  You could also choose “Nobody” in which case, someone would have to type in your OoVoo ID directly.

To find these settings, click the profile photo, click the Settings icon (“gear” icon) and then select “Privacy & Security”.

**How to use OoVoo Safely**

1. In your **profile**, use your first name only.

2. Create a **username** that doesn’t include your last name.

3. Use a **profile picture** that doesn’t give away where you live (Tell kids, not to take a picture in front of your school!)

4. Same with the **profile video** (a video status messages called an “ooVie”).   Don’t divulge personal information.  Or, just use one of the generic videos that come with OoVoo.

5. Don’t add a **status message** (and if you do, don’t add personal information.  You can note the theme here: don’t put your personal and private information in the profile!)

6. Use the **Privacy settings**