

PARENTING THROUGH THE WONDER YEARS

It's Just a Phase: Week 4

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What My Middle Schooler is Wondering About IDENTITY AND SEX

What My Middle Schooler Needs to Know about IDENTITY

“So God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.” (Genesis 1:27, NLT)

“That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.” (Genesis 2:24, NIV)

1. YOUR GENDER IS NOT YOUR FULL IDENTITY.

“Women must not pretend to be men, and men must not pretend to be women. The LORD your God is disgusted with people who do that.” (Deuteronomy 22:5, CEV)

2. YOUR GROUP IS NOT YOUR IDENTITY.

3. YOUR SEXUAL ATTRACTION/EXPRESSION IS NOT YOUR IDENTITY.

4. YOUR IDENTITY CAN ONLY BE FULLY KNOWN BY KNOWING YOUR CREATOR.

“All of you are God’s children because of your faith in Christ Jesus...There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.” (Galatians 3:26, 28, CEV/NIV)

God-honoring identity is when I submit how I was made to the One who made me.

What My Middle Schooler Needs to Know About SEX

1. GOD IS PRO-SEX WITHIN BIBLICAL MARRIAGE.

“The marriage bed must be a place of mutuality—the husband seeking to satisfy his wife, the wife seeking to satisfy her husband.” (1 Corinthians 7:3, The Message)

“Be faithful in marriage.” (Exodus 20:14, CEV)

*Biblical marriage is one man united with one woman
in COVENANTAL relationship for life.*

“‘Haven’t you read the Scriptures?’ Jesus replied. ‘They record that from the beginning ‘God made them male and female.’ And he said, ‘This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.’” (Matthew 19:4–5, NLT)

2. BIBLICAL MARRIAGE ENCAPSULATES EVERY ASPECT OF LOVE.

“As the Scriptures say, “A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.” This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one.” (Ephesians 5:31–32, NLT)

Sex is only 25% of the love God designed you for.

3. WHY I SHOULD WAIT.

“Honor marriage, and guard the sacredness of sexual intimacy between wife and husband. God draws a firm line against casual and illicit sex.” (Hebrews 13:4, The Message)

Waiting HONORS GOD with my body and theirs.

ACTION STEP

IT’S JUST A PHASE WORKSHOP