

# *Tactics*

## Review:

- Suicide/Sibling Rivalry
- Questions are better than statements
- Steamroller
- 3 Steps to Improving your Columbo Skills – Anticipate, Reflect, Practice

## Abortion:

- Simplify the issue with the question – “What is the nature of the unborn?”
  
- “Bring out the Toddler” tactic:

## Homosexual Marriage:

- Simplify the issue with the question – “What is marriage?”
  
- Matt 19:3-6a
  
- Answering the question, “How does gay marriage hurt you?”
  1. Reorients marriage away from the needs of children toward the desires of adults.
  2. It puts all aspects of marriage at risk.
  3. Decreases liberties.

## Homosexuality:

- Stand for truth, but speak with compassion
- Rom 1:18-32

## Homework:

1. Hone your Columbo skills in conversations with others.
2. COME READY WITH EAMPLES NEXT WEEK!!
3. Teach the Columbo tactics to your parents/kids at dinner tonight.
4. Anticipate, Reflect, Practice with our next topic: Evolution.



# Tactics

## Christianity and Culture

Abortion, Same-Sex Marriage, and  
Homosexuality



## Review

- Suicide Tactic/Sibling Rivalry
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- Steamroller
- \$100 Challenge
- 3 Steps to improving your Columbo Skills:
  - Anticipate
  - Reflect
  - Practice

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## Abortion

- Simplify the issue

*WHAT IS THE NATURE OF THE UNBORN?*

- “Bring out the Toddler” tactic

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## Student Interactive

- Practice “What is the nature of the unborn?”, the “Take out the Toddler” tactic, and any other tactics already covered.

## Violinist Argument

Violinist	Pregnancy
Artificially attached to woman; Artificial process	Not actually attached; growing inside; getting what it needs through a tube; Natural process
Trespasser	Baby is in its rightful place
Treatment withheld	Life taken by poisoning or dismemberment
Stranger/stranger relationship	Mother/Child relationship
The demand is for the treatment period, then ends	The demand begins after 9 months and grows

## Homosexual Marriage

- Simplify the issue

### WHAT IS MARRIAGE?

- Why does it matter for public policy?

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## “How Does Gay Marriage Hurt You?”

- “Does someone have to be personally hurt by something to know that it’s wrong?”
- It reorients marriage away from the needs of children toward the desires of adults
- Redefining marriage puts all aspects of marriage at risk
- Rather than increase liberties, it decreases them

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## Student Interactive

- “Homosexuals are denied the same rights as heterosexuals”
- “As long as people love each other it shouldn’t matter what sex they are. What matters is love”
- “They said the same thing about interracial marriage”
- “It won’t have any impact on traditional marriages”
- “Not all marriages produce children”

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## Homosexuality

- Stand for truth, but speak with compassion
- What is the biblical truth? What does the Bible say and *NOT* say?
- What is the scientific truth?

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## Speak with Compassion

- Clichés to avoid:
  - “Homosexuality is a choice”
  - “God made Adam and Eve, not Adam and Steve”
  - “Love the sinner, hate the sin”
- Key principle: Be Consistent

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- Simplify same-sex marriage: “What is marriage?”
- Homosexuality: Stand for truth, speak with compassion

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