

QUICK DISCUSSION GUIDE for Children

TRUTH OVER TREND

PART 1: Gender Identity

BASELINE QUESTIONS:

- 1) Do you know the names of the very first boy and girl created by God?
- 2) Do all girls like the same things? (Dancing, cooking, or art)
- 3) Do all boys like the same things? (Fixing cars, climbing trees, or running fast)
- 4) Do the things we like to do change the fact that God made us a boy or girl?

READ TOGETHER:

1) Genesis 1:27-28

What do you think God had in mind for humans when He created them? What was His purpose?

"We are the culmination of God's infinitely wise and skillful work of creation."

– Andrew T. Walker (God and the Transgender Debate)

Do you think that God makes any mistakes in His creation? What do you think it means to be made in the image of God? **Read also Psalm 139:13-14**

2) Genesis 3:16-19

How has sin changed the world and God's creation?

3) Romans 8:18-23

Do you think people can feel frustrated that God made them a girl or boy? What do these verses tell us about that question?

4) Matthew 19:4-6

Jesus is repeating the Genesis pattern for how God designed boys and girls. Here's what He's saying: We are created people. We are created boys and girls. He made them partners in caring for His World. What God does, people should not seek to undo.

MORE QUESTIONS:

- 1) It seems as though God has a purpose for making boys and girls, because animals are even boys and girls. Does God make mistakes?
- 2) Do you have any questions about the way God made boys and girls and the way some people may talk about it?

RESOURCES for PARENTS

- 1) Book: God Made Boys and Girls by Marty Machowski
- 2) Article: How Christian parents and teachers can talk to children about gender identity <https://foundationworldview.com/blog/how-to-talk-to-your-child-about-gender-identity-as-christians#biblical-view-of-biological-sex>
- 3) Article: Reinforce your child's sexual identity (Focus on the Family): <https://www.focusonthefamily.com/parenting/reinforce-your-childs-sexual-identity/>