

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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HOLIDAYS

Sunday, May 8 - Mother's Day
Sunday, June 19 - Father's Day

Celebrate these special days with your child at FBC Cypress. For Mother's Day, children will be passing out flowers to all women in attendance, including their mothers. We will NOT be having a luncheon on these days, so you can spend time together as a family.



CHILDREN'S CLASS

Sundays at 9:30AM

Our class is learning about the ministry of Jesus this Summer, as we walk through the biblical narrative. Please ask your child questions about the lesson, and see what they can remember! If you would like to help with our children's class, I am always looking for more volunteers! (Must be a member, and willing to do a background check.)



<< Bring a first-time friend, and receive a special prize!



WHEN SOMEONE HAS “DIFFERENT PRONOUNS”: EXPLAINING LGBT PRONOUN USAGE TO OUR KIDS

(Highlights from an article from Focus on the Family)

What Does the Bible Say?

As Christians, we believe that God created us in His own image and likeness, male and female. In His design, God separated humans into two sexes, male and female. Each is distinct and valuable. Both separately and together, men and women reflect the image and likeness of God.

Both the Old and New Testaments point to the male-female creation as a foundational truth. The two aspects of God’s image, male and female, exist at the center

of God’s design for parenting, family, and marriage. LGBT issues such as different pronouns are at the core of what it means to be human. Your child’s maleness or femaleness is an integral part of his or her identity. A Christian worldview also teaches that sin negatively impacts every area of life. Sin creates disconnection and separation from God and others. Unfortunately, sin also causes brokenness within. For your kids, it might be difficult for them to wrap their heads around sentences such as “I’m a girl trapped in a boy’s body.” Or requests for different pronoun usage. Help them navigate these situations through understanding that these circumstances are results of sin and deception entering the world.

Ask Questions

There’s a good chance you won’t be by your child’s side when he or she is asked to give their preferred pronouns. Ask open-ended questions such as:

- “What did you think about that lesson?”
- “How do you feel about that situation?”
- “How did your friends respond? Did you talk about it afterwards?”
- “What do you think about pronoun usage?”

Affirm Your Child and Teach the Truth

Thank your child for coming and talking to you. Communicate how you are proud of his or her courage to speak up. Communicate that, “Yes, some people do feel confused about being a boy or a girl. However, we know that God created everyone to be male or female. And that both are good in His sight.” Engage in a healthy conversation about how sin corrupted God’s design, but it doesn’t change God’s design. Rather, He still wants us to live, follow, and obey His truth, especially regarding difficult topics. In the context of different pronoun use, help your child understand that it is important to communicate love and respect even if you disagree with their personal decisions.

Educate Yourself

In any situation involving preferred pronouns or LGBT pronoun usage and your kids, try to understand the situation. While it might feel intimidating to speak with your child’s teacher or administration, it’s within your parental rights to discuss sexually confusing lessons.

Equip Your Children

Use age-appropriate language and examples to help your child grasp potentially complex topics surrounding LGBT pronoun usage and transgenderism. Additionally, you can take initiative in how you teach your children about anatomy and terminology. Be proactive in conversations about sex, sexuality, and sexual identity. Incorporate prayer into your discussions to teach your kids how to rely on God’s wisdom. Our goal is not to create fear, but to pray and be at peace when addressing transgender ideology, such as different pronouns.

Find the full article at focusonthefamily.com/topic/parenting/