

# Protecting the Muslim Family From the LGBT Agenda

### Preschool to Early Elementary

Young children are constantly taking in new information, so it is important for you, as their parents and first teachers, to give them an Islamic viewpoint on which to connect and process what they are observing and learning via society and school. While they may not be aware of homosexuality and transgenderism at the moment, they will be introduced to this fahisha soon enough.

You need to start by framing the issue for them by teaching them about Allah (SWT) and how Allah (SWT) has taught us to conduct ourselves in this life through His Quran and His Messenger Muhammed (SAW). By doing this, you will be providing your children with a basic understanding of how to view the world we live in and how we determine what is right and wrong (halal and haram). This will create the foundation by which you can discuss any issues that arise. It is important to use age-appropriate words to explain difficult concepts to children this young.

Even though the issue of LGBT and sexuality may seem difficult to discuss with your young child, you can do so in very simple terms and connect it with what Allah (SWT) says in the Quran and what they already know about relationships.

Find a good age-appropriate children's Quran or Quranic storybook to read to your child frequently. Make it a quiet and peaceful time where you and your children can connect to the word of Allah (SWT), and they will feel at ease asking you questions. This will also set a foundation for your children to be comfortable coming to you for explanations and questions about things they may encounter as they grow up. Make a habit of reading stories from the Quran to your child from birth.

### Creation and Marriage

Explain to your children how Allah (SWT) created human beings. Talk to them about the creation of Adam (AS) and Hawwa and how it was from them, a man and a woman, that the rest of humankind came from. Adam (AS) and Hawwa were the first husband and wife, mother and father.

"Indeed, the example of Jesus in the sight of Allah is like that of Adam. He created him from dust, then said to him, "Be!" And he was." [TMQ: Surah Al-Imran:59]

O Mankind, Be mindful of your Lord Who created you from a single soul, and from it, He created its mate, and through both, He spread countless men and women. And be mindful of Allah—in Whose Name you appeal to one another—and 'honor' family ties. Surely Allah is ever Watchful over you. [TMQ An-Nisa:1]

Allah (SWT) has defined marriage between a man and a woman.

"Men are the caretakers of women, as men have been provisioned by Allah over women and tasked with supporting them financially. And righteous women are devoutly obedient and, when alone, protective of what Allah has entrusted them with." [TMQ An-Nisa:34]

Allah (SWT) has only made babies come to this world through a man and a woman (procreation).



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وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا ٱلْإِنسَانَ مِن سُلَلَةُ مِّن طِينُ ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاهُ نُطْفَةً فِي قَرَارُ مَّكِينُ ثُمَّ خَلَقْنًا ٱلنُّطُفَةَ عَلَقَةً فَخَلَقْنَا ٱلْعَلَقَةَ مُضْغَةً فَخَلَقْنَا ٱلْمُضْغَةُ عِظَمًا فَكَسَوْنَا ٱلْعِظَمَ لَحْمًا ثُمَّ أَنشَأْنَاهُ خَلْقًا ءَاخُرَ \* فَتَبَارَكَ ٱللهُ أَحْسَنُ ٱلْخَلِقِينَ

"And certainly did We create man from an extract of clay. Then We placed him as a sperm drop in a firm lodging. Then We made the sperm-drop into a clinging clot, and We made the clot into a lump [of flesh], and We made [from] the lump, bones, and We covered the bones with flesh; then We developed him into another creation. So blessed is Allah, the best of creators." [TMQ Al-Mu'minun:12-14]

#### Gender

Explain to your children that Allah (SWT) has created only two genders a male (boy) and a female (girl). Boys and girls have different body parts that function for different purposes, which Allah (SWT) has explained to us. For example, only a woman (mommy) can carry a baby in her womb and give birth.

"He is the One Who shapes you in the wombs of your mothers as He wills. There is no god 'worthy of worship' except Him—the Almighty, All-Wise." [TMQ Al-Imran:6]

In today's world, your children may come across a cartoon, a storybook from the library, or a school that tells them it is okay for a boy to feel like a girl and a girl to feel like a boy. The illustrations may show boys wearing girls 'clothing and girls wearing boys 'clothing (transgenderism). The book, cartoon, or reader of the story may say that God made a mistake and accidentally put them in the wrong body during conception.

In this scenario, explaining to your children that Allah (SWT) does not make mistakes is essential. Allah (SWT) is perfect.

ٱللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَحْمِلُ كُلُّ أُنتَىٰ وَمَا تَغِيضُ ٱلْأَرْحَامُ وَمَا تَزْدَادُ ﴿ وَكُلُّ شَيْءٍ عِندَهُ بِمِقْدَارِ

"Allah knows what every female bears and what increases and decreases in the wombs. And with Him everything is determined with precision." [TMQ Ar-Ra'd:8]

Also, explain to them that Allah (SWT) has given certain attributes (masculinity) to men and certain attributes (femininity) to women.

Ibn 'Abbās (r) said: "Allah's Messenger (SAW) cursed the men who resemble and imitate women; and the women who resemble and imitate men." [Al-Bukhāri, no. 5885]

What if my children ask why others live like this or why others tell them this is okay?

This question will come to you eventually, as the LGBT lifestyle is being increasingly pushed into the mainstream, and those who disagree with it are often labeled as a bigot.

You can tell them, "Alhumdillah, we are Muslims, and Allah (SWT) has given us His guidance. Not everyone believes in Allah (SWT) and his Quran."

We must explain to our children that not everyone follows the perfect deen of Allah (SWT) and that we can tell people about Allah (SWT) and the Prophet Muhammed and make dua for them to be guided to Islam. You can use the above points to remind your children what Allah (SWT) has taught us in relation to LGBT.

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