

Gender Identity/Transgender Issue In Preschoolers

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Description: A parent's decision to change their child's gender will affect the church of the future. What will you do when this happens in your preschool class? Discover where you can go in the Bible to help you understand and formulate your own perspective. Learn helpful tips of how to handle the family, what to say, and explore practical solutions for impractical practices.

- Introduction
 - Children's perceptions
 - Pandora's box has been opened, now what
 - Looking at the root of transgenderism
- Influence of the world on our kids
 - TV and social media has changed the dialogue
 - Scorecard on cable network and their influence in our homes/kids
 - The truth the LGBTI doesn't want parents to hear
 - The power of the imagination
- Changing genders is short-term gain with long-term pain
 - The emotional wounds
 - Walking through a surgery
 - Long-term consequences they face with hormone treatments, etc.
- Practical solutions
 - Become aware of the questions the gender confused child might ask i.e., "Why doesn't daddy love me like I am"
 - Affirm the child with love and validation of who they are
 - Using scripture to combat the "God makes mistakes" thinking
 - Applying scriptures to our thinking
 - Helping the parent who questions the child's request
 1. Natural child-like play i.e., boys imitating moms, girls imitating dads
 2. Helping the parent understand God's design for young brains
 - Prayer – the key to unlocking God's door
- Helping the parent talk about transgender with their own children who don't understand the trans issue
 - Find out what the child thinks
 - Understand God's original design
 - Being honest and sharing "I don't know"

- Closure
 - Consequences for the future or church if we don't act
 - Loving the trans in our congregations without making them feel judged

Resources

<http://www.help4families.com> Denise Shick, Includes info on her books:

When Hope Seems Lost

Understanding Gender Confusion

Transgender Confusion: A Bible Based Q & A for Families

My Daddy's Secret

Dangerous Affirmations: Should I Have Been Daddy's Little Girl?

<http://www.harvestusa.org/transgenderism-reshaping-reality/#.WHfBaXeZMWp>

Transgenderism: The Reshaping Reality (Christian perspective)

<http://www.bradhambrick.com/talking-to-my-boys-after-the-transgender-talk-at-their-public-school/> Pastor Brad Hambrick explains how he talked to his boys

https://world.wng.org/2016/05/the_tragedy_of_transgenderism The tragedy of transgenderism, by Pastor Sam A. Andreades

<https://www.onfaith.co/onfaith/2013/08/15/conservative-christianity-and-the-transgender-question/10610> Conservative Christianity and the transgender question by Russell D. Moore

<http://www.sexchangeregret.com> This site has several articles on sex change operation regret.

<http://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2015/04/14688/> Walt Heyer's blog/story about his life as a transgender; how it came about and his faith to change back.

<http://thefederalist.com/2016/02/16/have-we-finally-reached-peak-transgender/> Have We Finally Reached Peak Transgender, by Walt Heyer, has stats for the 2015 rankings and score, based on percentage of LGBT-inclusive original programming hours during primetime.

<https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/canadian-pediatricians-report-alarming-trend-of-more-preschoolers-identifiy> Preschool 'transgenderism' on the rise, Canadian pediatricians report