

What's all this fuss about something called "gay"?

Questions and Answers for Kids

You have probably heard the term "gay" at school or in the news.

What does it mean?

If you go to church, you may have heard "gay" or "homosexual". Some churches say it's wrong. Others say it's okay.

Does it make you feel uncomfortable? It is kind of a grown-up subject.

Sometimes, kids will use the word "gay" as an insult. All insults are wrong and hurt people. Friends should never be unkind to each other.

So... does that mean that being "gay" is right?

Well, the simple answer is, no.

Long ago, people all over the world saw that when grown-ups love each other, it's almost always a man and a woman. And that's how children are born, through a mom and a dad loving each other. They hold hands, kiss and all that.

But once in a while, a man wants to date and love another man, or a woman wants to date and love a woman.

Most cultures long ago decided this was very wrong. And they made rules against it, for a lot of good reasons (more grown-up stuff). First of all, two men can never create their own child. Neither can two women. And two men kissing-- well, it just doesn't seem right. That's because it isn't!

When God made the world, in the beginning, He created just two types of humans: a man and a woman. He told them to join together and become husband and wife (Genesis 2:18-25).

After some time passed, sin came into the world, and people started doing things they shouldn't. Some of those things involved having homosexual feelings. This



sin is described in the Bible, and it's always wrong. When a few people stubbornly did this anyway, they made life very hard for people in their community. God was not pleased (Genesis 19).

One man and one woman is the way our Creator God designed us from the start.

Sometimes, you might be thinking, married couples don't always do things perfectly. The fault is not always easy to figure out, like in divorce. What God wants and what we do is not always the same.

Still, God has standards that don't change, and that's a good thing. God is always willing to forgive us if we ask Him.

God had very, very strong words against homosexual conduct (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:26-27). So even though it's not the only sin, it's still a very serious one.

When Jesus came, He repeated what God said about marriage –that it should only be one man and one woman (Matthew 19:4-6). And we should not forget that Jesus was really God on earth, so He should know!



So would God be in favor of two men getting married, or two women? *Absolutely not!*

Some people claim they were “born” homosexual. But there is no well-accepted science that backs up that idea. Strong feelings are not proof of anything.

And, a lot of people who don't even believe in God agree. From Asia to India to Africa to Latin America, most people now and throughout history agree that being homosexual or “gay” is wrong.

So if you hear that everyone thinks being “gay” is okay, don't believe it—even if that person is a grown-up, or even if he leads a church. There are many, many people who still follow God's teachings, still believe their common sense, and believe that romance, dating and marriage are for a boy and girl, a man and woman.

But what about bullying? When one kid picks on another, that's always wrong.

If the bully uses bad words or makes up false stories that someone is "gay," or calls a boy names like "sissy," or worse, that's horrible!

Always speak up and help someone who is being bullied.



BUT... it's not right to tell someone that being homosexual is okay. The person may be feeling sad because of being bullied, but never try to make him or her feel better by saying "gay" is okay.

Kids who are overweight are sometimes bullied, too. And we might want to make that person feel better. But it would be a mistake to say that overeating is a good thing, right?

So tell your friends, in a nice way, that no one needs to be "gay" or pretend to be the other gender. It's not the right thing to do.

It is important to know the truth, and stand up for it! God loves everyone, but He doesn't want us to sin.

