



Things You May Notice...

*Please note that this discussion is based on the book, "How to Talk to Your Muslim Child about topics in the Ontario Ministry of Education's Health Education Curriculum 2015". Each section of the book is tailored to some of the discussions a certain age group may engage in, in public school. Each Maktab is responsible for when and if to bring these discussions to their students. This article is suitable for 1st and 2nd Grade.

Allah is our Creator and knows what is best for us. Allah created boys and girls to be different, and He wants them to grow up and marry someone of the opposite gender. This helps families have children and continue to grow.

You may notice that there are some families that have two moms or two dads instead of one mom and one dad. Although we are commanded to treat everyone with kindness, dignity, and respect, we also understand this type of relationship is incorrect in Islam and displeasing to Allah SWT. Allah wants us to marry someone from the *opposite* gender, *not the same* gender. This means, men can only marry women, and women can only marry men. We learn these teachings from the Quran, the words of Allah, and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad SAW. We follow the teachings of Allah because we love Him.

Allah, our Creator, also knows which gender is best for us when He created us. If Allah created a girl, they *are not and cannot* be a boy, and if Allah created a boy, they *are not and cannot* be a girl.

If someone does not follow Islam or goes against this rule, we should still be kind to them and treat them with respect. We should present our beliefs of following our Creator while maintaining respect, avoiding fights, and not belittling anyone. We want everyone to understand the truth, which is Islam.

May Allah allow us to always follow His commandments. Ameen!

Reference: [How to talk to your Muslim child about topics in the Ontario Ministry's Health Education Curriculum](#)