



## 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 ideal for 5th Grade and up.

Allah SWT is our Creator and knows what is best for us. Allah created boys and girls differently, and He wants everyone to grow up to find love, support, and happiness with another person. That's why people get married – to build a loving family. In Islam, marriage is between a man and a woman.

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 displeasing to Allah SWT. Allah allows us to marry someone only 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 and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad SAW. We are not allowed to disobey Allah SWT, because Allah knows what is best for us. Therefore, a man cannot fall in love with a man, nor can a woman fall in love with a woman. This is known as homosexuality and in Islam it is considered Haraam. In fact, it is considered a sin in all monotheistic (worshiping one God) religions. People in the past, such as the people of Prophet Lut

(as) used to practice homosexuality and were punished for doing so.

Additionally, Allah our creator knows best what gender He determined for us. *Allah does not make mistakes* and therefore, 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 you are a boy, your gender identity is male, and if you are a girl, your gender identity is female. This is how Allah created us and how He wants us to remain. In Islam, we are not allowed to identify as the opposite gender nor are we allowed to dress like someone from the opposite gender.

If someone does not follow Islam or goes against these rules, we can still be kind to them and treat them with respect. However, we should present our beliefs clearly of following our Creator while avoiding fights and not belittling anyone. This is because as Muslims, we dislike the sin but not the sinner. We want everyone to understand the truth, which is Islam.

May Allah allow us to always be pleased with His commandments. Ameen!

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