



## LGBTQ+

\*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 7th Grade and up.

Allah is our Creator and knows what is best for us. Allah created men and women differently, and He wants everyone to grow up to find love, support, and happiness with another person. Men and women get married and as a result, they have children. Having children through marriage is a way of creating a strong and stable society.

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. 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 and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad SAW. We obey Allah, because He knows what is best for us and because we love Him.

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 (forbidden). 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. If inappropriate thoughts about the same gender ever enter our mind, we should ask Allah to purify our

thoughts and save us from sin. We should immediately divert our attention to something else, and seek protection with Allah from Shaytan. As long as we don't act upon and entertain the thoughts, there will be no blame.

Additionally, Allah our Creator knows best what gender He determined for us. *Allah does not make mistakes* and therefore, if Allah created a female, *they are not and cannot be a male*, and if Allah created a male, *they are not and cannot be a female*. If you are a man, your gender identity is male, and if you are a woman, 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 or dress like the opposite gender. As citizens of this country we have the right to express our religious beliefs in the best manner possible.

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](#)

[What is the status of homosexuality in Islam, and How Should One Cope with it - IslamQA](#)

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