



# HARD QUESTION: HOMOSEXUALITY

## Family Devotional/Adult & Teen Discussion Guide

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**1. PRIMARY STATEMENT:** Of all the controversial topics facing American Christians today, perhaps none is more fiercely debated than homosexuality. Cultural norms and values have been in a state of rapid change over the past few decades, but God's view on it remains unchanged.

## 2. BIBLE VERSE

Homosexual behavior is contrary to God's teaching.

**Leviticus 18:22 [ESV]** *"Do not practice homosexuality, having sex with another man as with a woman. It is a detestable sin."*

**1 Timothy 1:10-11 [NLT]** *"The law is for people who are sexually immoral, or who practice homosexuality, or are slave traders, liars, promise breakers, or who do anything else that contradicts the wholesome teaching that comes from the glorious Good News entrusted to me by our blessed God."*

**Q.** God's statements on homosexuality were separated by over a thousand years. Do you think they are tied to a cultural period, or are they meant to instruct all cultures and times?

**Q.** The Bible condemns many other practices beyond homosexuality. Why do you think the topic of homosexuality generates more controversy than other sexual sins?

## 3. APPLICATION

Homosexual behavior is contrary to God's design.

**Matthew 19:4-5 [NLT]** *"Haven't you read the Scriptures?" Jesus replied. "They record that from the beginning 'God made them male and female.' And he said, 'This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one.'"*



**Q.** The traditional definition of a family has been changing in America for a long time. Do you think that change has affected the rise in acceptance of homosexual lifestyles? If so, how?

**Q.** Is someone who is living a homosexual lifestyle contradicting God's family design more than someone who is addicted to pornography or engaged in an extramarital affair? Have you / the church typically acted like these sins were on the same level, or different levels?



## 4. PRAYER FOCUS

Take a few minutes as a family and thank God for His wonderful design for human sexuality. Ask Him to help you live within His teaching and design, and to be loving yet truthful to those who are contradicting it.



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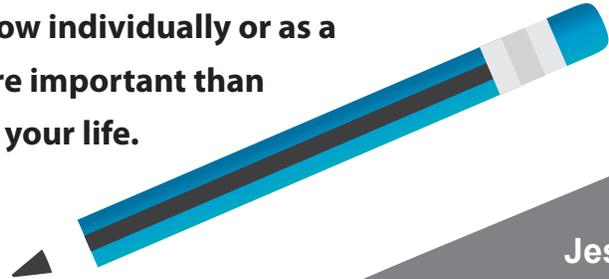
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### 1. ACTIVITY: "I'm Gonna Store Up Treasure In Heaven!"

As a family, make a list, chart, or just plan how individually or as a group you can work to make Jesus more important than your stuff or just number #1 in your life.



### 2. BIBLE VERSE

Matthew 6:21

*"Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be."*

This week we began a new series, "Say What?" The kids learned an important lesson about the things they value and find important. Nothing in life is more important than Jesus!

Start the lesson by Reading Matthew 19:16-30.



Q. What did Jesus tell the man in the story he must do with his possessions?

Q. How did this make the man feel?

Q. What did Jesus tell his disciples about someone who is rich?

It's easy to want "stuff" but Jesus was teaching His disciples that the more things we have the harder it can be to give up everything and follow Him.

Jesus never wants us to make money or things more important than Him!

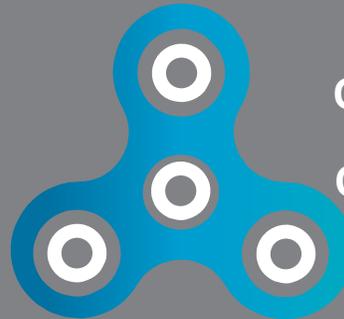
### 3. APPLICATION

Q. What is your favorite toy or game to play with?

Q. What if Jesus asked you to give that up or give it away to the poor, could you do it?

Q. Would it be hard for you?

Jesus may not ask you to give away your favorite toy, or all your money, but He doesn't want anything to be more important than Him. Jesus should be number one in our lives. He is the most important, and if we obey Him, we will be blessed!



### 4. PRAYER FOCUS

**Pray for your children this week to make Jesus the most important part of their lives.**