



PASSAGE CONVERSATIONS: for boys ages 12+

Use this "God's design" as the foundation for your talk on each of the 5 topics found in the passage conversations guide for boys.

GOD'S DESIGN: for our desires

God designed man and woman to love Him and love each other and enjoy His creation. God designed the union between a man and a woman to be for unity in marriage and bringing children into the world. This relationship is a good gift from God. When we separate God's good gifts from His good design for them, we open ourselves up to pain and consequences.

Here's a picture: fire is good at a campout. When it's inside the fire pit - we can enjoy its warmth, cook our food, see each other by the light, but if the fire were to go beyond its boundaries it would cause pain and destruction. Our desires are the same way, God gave us our desire for sex because when it is in His boundary of marriage it is good for us, but outside of marriage it brings unnecessary pain to us and others and can destroy our peace, mental and physical health, and future relationships.

God's good design and good gifts still stand, but our sin-fallen world has twisted them and tells you to take them on your own terms instead of God's. For example, it is good for you to notice and appreciate a woman's beauty, God designed this. But when you turn a person's body into an object or image that you choose to look at with intent, or pull it up in your mind again, you're taking it outside of God's boundaries.

Jesus is fully God, but was also fully man - in a human body. The Bible says that He was tempted as we are, but he never sinned. He showed us what it looks like to walk in perfect obedience to God.

- He did not gaze with lustful intent at a woman.
- He never turned women's bodies into objects to be consumed for His own pleasure.
- He was close with women that he valued for their personhood not their physical attributes.
- He never married, so He did not engage in sexual activity.
- He made sure the thoughts in His mind always honored God.
- He did not devalue or objectify women in his mind or with his words.