

"HACKing" Conversations on Sensitive Topics with Children

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HONESTY:

You don't have to talk about things that aren't age-appropriate, but you need to be honest. For example, in speaking about the transgender issue you might say, "God created us to be either boys or girls. Sometimes people get confused and act like they're someone different than how God made them."

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ANTICIPATION:

Consider real-life scenarios where they might encounter some of these issues, and talk about them. Discuss how they might respond so that they can be ready to face that challenge.

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CONVERSATION:

Don't make it a lecture! Speaking about tough topics becomes less awkward when it's brought up as you're going about life - such as over dinner or while driving.

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KINDNESS:

We want to cultivate both grace and truth in our children. When you speak about people who are involved in something with which you disagree, pray for them with your children. Look for opportunities to demonstrate God's love even while you hold firmly to what the Bible says.

