



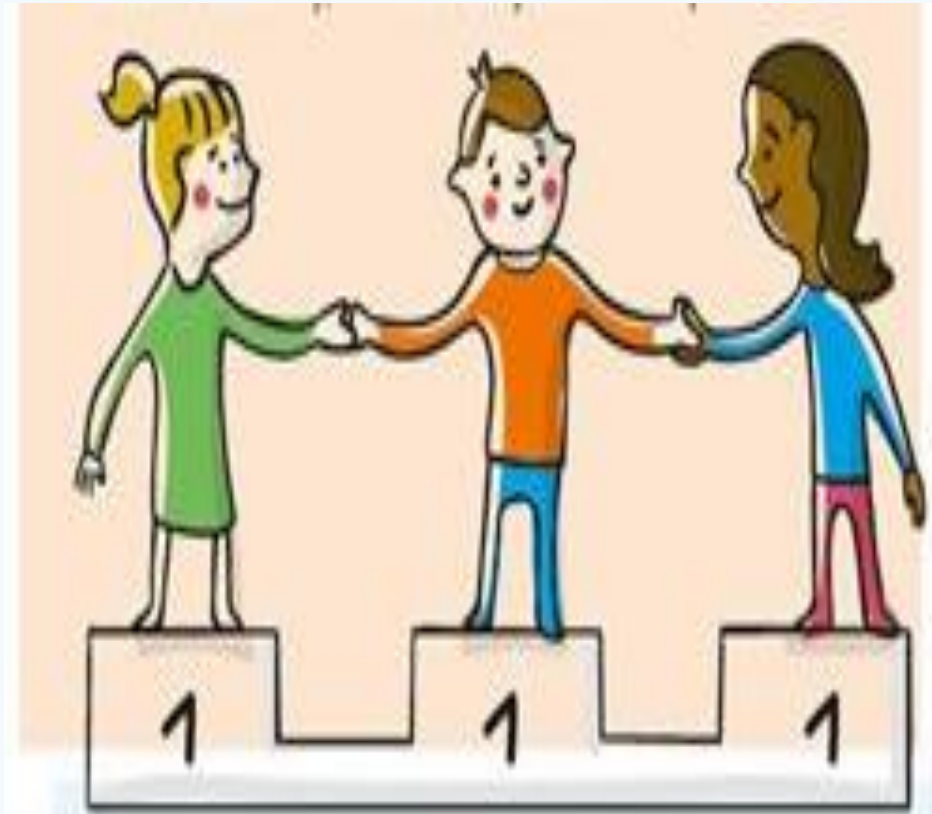
# Kids' Prophecy Corner

Gender Equality

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# The Movement Promotes Equality

- In the movement, we try our best to demonstrate equality between boys and girls. But it was not always the case.
- Why do you think boys thought they were superior to girls? Is it because some boys can run faster? Is it because of your culture? Is it because mom does the cleaning and dad goes to work? Or is it because the Bible tells us so? Can you please share your reasons?





# God's Plan Of Restoration

- *God has a plan for us. He wants us to be restored to His image and doesn't want anyone to be left out. He wants perfect equality between boys and girls. Can you imagine a heaven where only boys would have privileges and not girls? That would not be heaven would it?*
- *When God created mankind he created them in His own image. The Bible says in Genesis 1:26,27 : "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... So God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."*
- *So God has in His character male and female traits. This is why we cannot say that God is either a man or a woman or that He has a gender identity.*
- *God is neither male nor female because He doesn't make babies like your parents, grand-parents, great-grand parents, uncles, aunties, you or me. The Bible describes Him as a Spirit ( John 4:24) and a spirit doesn't have flesh and blood (Luke 24:39). Consequently, as a heavenly being, no gender applies to Him.*
- *Gender defines what girls and boys are expected to be and do in terms of roles, responsibilities, rights and obligations. Like a boy should be strong and a girl should have good manners.*
- *However in Heaven all the heavenly beings enjoy the same rights. They are able to do the same things and are treated the same way.*
- *Knowing we are created in the image of God, God wants us to start practicing equality today in the same manner it is practiced in Heaven. Therefore we should not discriminate against a boy or a girl based on how we "think" they should behave.*





# This is what Gender roles looks like

Boys are warriors



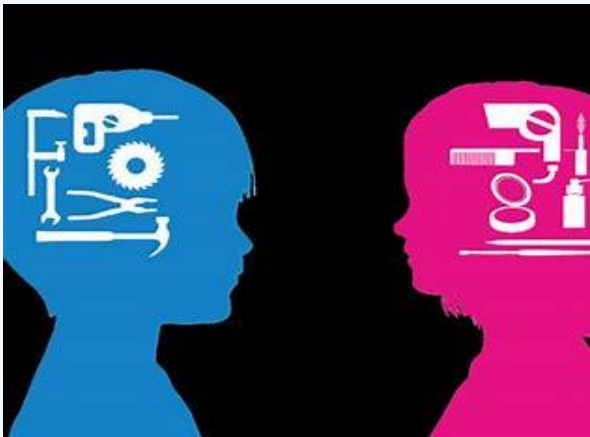
Boys are Heroes



Girls are princesses



Girls are entertainers



Boys love mechanics, girls like makeup and hair



Boys are wild and adventurers

Girls are Homemakers



Girls are cooks





# Does The Bible Discriminate Women?

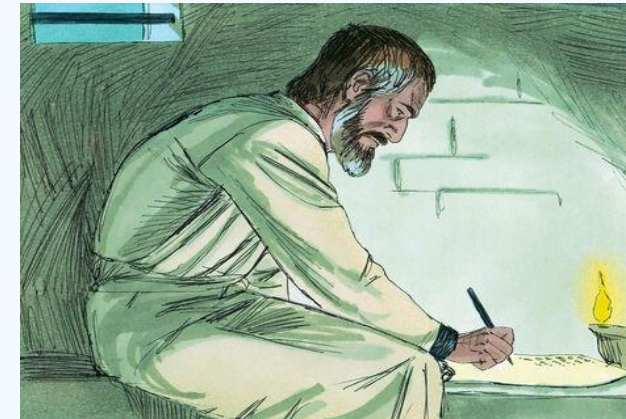
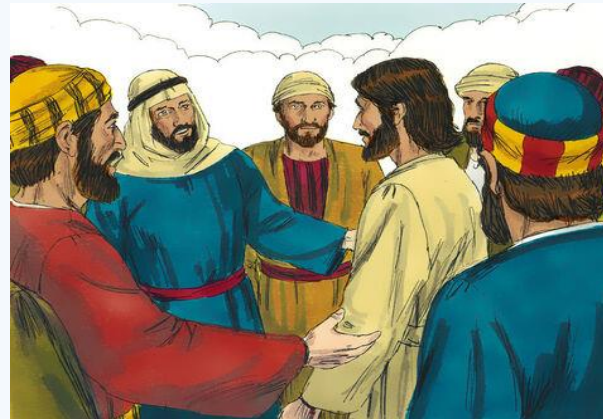
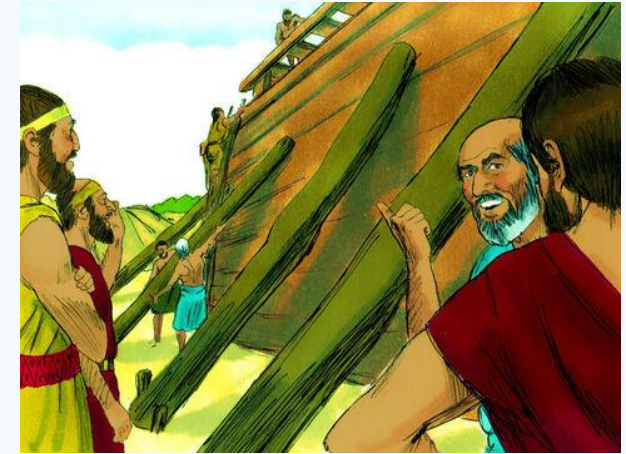
- But the Bible is written in such a manner that makes someone think that God gives authority to males over females. And people use that as an excuse to treat girls differently.
- The Bible describes God, as “our Father in Heaven,” a male. This communicated how He related to Jesus in a way that the people would understand. In Biblical time and culture, the male represented his descendants (see Matthew 1: 1-17), and had authority in the family ( Gen.27: 1-29; 48:13-14). That Jesus was the Son of God communicated His divine lineage and His authority over the human family.
- But that is not the only reason. In Hebrew society the economy was ruled by males. And that strengthened their idea that God was a man. God made men the head of the family. He used men as priests and Levites. He used men as kings and judges
- When Moses wrote the laws, it was to instruct men. Some subjects were about marriage and divorce. Even the 10 commandments have instructions primarily directed to men. Can you read exodus 20: 5 and v. 17?





# Does The Bible Discriminate Women? Continued

- Do we have other examples in the Bible?
- After Adam and Eve sinned, the Bible doesn't give much attention to women. Adam and Eve had sons and daughters, but we know only of Cain, Abel, and Seth. – men. Noah built the ark with his sons Shem, Japheth and Ham. But we don't know the names of their wives.
- The majority of the prophets, disciples and apostles were men. Can you name them? Can you count how many books of the Bible have the name of a man and how many have the name of a woman? Do you think it's fair?
- Ellen G. White wrote many books with male titles like Patriarchs and Prophets or Prophets and Kings. And although she herself bore the title of prophetess, she was considered a lesser prophet by many because she was a woman.





# God Doesn't Want Discrimination

- But why didn't God choose to represent Himself as female? Although the Bible was written by men, many women are mentioned. Some did great things like Ruth, Jael, and Deborah. Can you name a few more? Unfortunately, most of them were submissive.
- There are other ways God can represent Himself. What can you receive from Him? Yes, **Wisdom!** And wisdom is a feminine word which comes from the Greek word *Sofia*, a woman. The word **instruct** found in Hebrews 12:5 is also a feminine noun in the Greek!
- In reality, God never wanted women to be submissive, to be slaves, or to be neglected. But He had to work with the culture and traditions His children were brought up with. He was limited by their way of thinking.
- It is painful for God to see His creation being afflicted. This is why, in our time, at the end of the world, He doesn't want His children to misrepresent who He is. He loves, cares, and protects everyone one equally no matter the gender or the race. And we have to show others that we love and care for them equally no matter their gender or their race.



# Gender Inequality

- Sometimes we may not realize we are discriminating against a friend or a sibling because of their gender. A girl must do “girls stuff” and a boy should do “boys stuff.” We probably think that one gender has more rights and opportunities than another.
- When you see the following behaviours show kindness or empathy to the person who is affected.
- When someone :
  - ☹️ Leaves her/him out on purpose
  - ☹️ Hurts his/her feelings
  - ☹️ Treats her/him unfairly or badly
  - ☹️ Hurts you physically
- Tell me what is wrong with the picture?





# True Or False

Gender Equality is when Boys and Girls enjoy the same rights, resources, opportunities, and protection

Girls are more caring than boys

Boys are stronger and faster than girls

Girls and boys are brave and strong

Girls play with doll and boys with cars

Girls can cry, boys don't

Boys are better at Math

Boys and girls deserve the same opportunities

Pink is for Girls and blue for boys

There is no superior gender

Only boys can be president

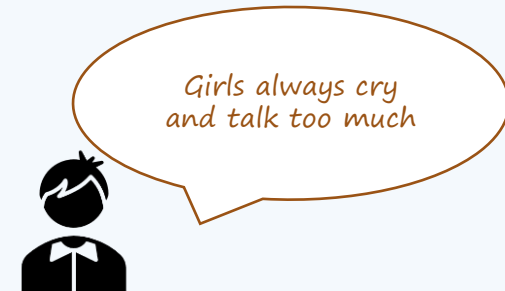
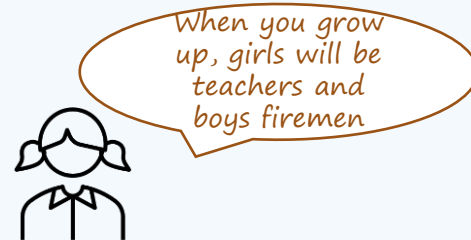
Only boys can become Scientists

Girls can't read maps



# If someone says,.... I will say

(promote Gender Equality)





# Gender Stereotypes

For each example, decide what ways of thinking are associated with the stereotype and what other possible ways of thinking there might be which are not shown in the examples.



Perfect Housewife



Strong dad



Girl and her dolls



# Who Should Be Doing This?

Mom or Dad?

Cleaning the house

Buying children's clothes

Doing weekly shopping

Buying a car

Mowing the lawn

Cooking

Buying a washing machine

Repair the car

Take out the trash

Iron the clothes

Pay the bills

Drive to church

# Occupation Checklist

Who Should become a.....a man or a woman?



Teacher



Lawyer



Telephone Operator



Astronaut



Pilot



Bus driver



Engineer



Nurse



Cashier



Dentist



Welder



Daycare



Flight Attendant



Architect



Farmer



Homemaker



# Gender Roles

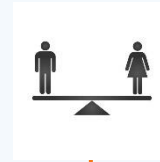
- *What does it mean to act 'like a man'? What words or expectations come to mind? (e.g. men don't cry; men are tough; etc.).*
- *What does it mean to act 'like a woman'? What words or expectations do you think of? (e.g. girls are polite; girls are neat and submissive; etc.).*
- *Where do we learn these gender roles? What people influence our learning of them? Can you mention any specific examples? Where else in society do we find these messages?*
- *What are some situations where you may be pressured to 'act like a man' or 'be a lady'?*
- *How might these stereotypes lead to violence?*



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Remember, we are here. Strive to show equality in your everyday actions.







*Thank You and  
God Bless*