

# Transgender and Non-Binary Children of God

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## Learning Objectives:

- Answering the question “why does learning about transgender and non-binary people and their experiences matter?”
- Introducing the whole spectrum of sexuality and gender beyond the binary
- Breaking down labels and assumptions to create mutual understanding (what do the words we use mean?)

# Scripture Moment (1 Cor 12-13, 24-26, NRSV)

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit....

...But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

## Defining our terms: LGBTQIA2S+

- Gender and sexuality are not linked-so why is the T (and the I and the 2S) in there with the LGBTQIA?
- You can be trans/non-binary/intersex and be heterosexual, homosexual, pansexual, bisexual, queer... but don't assume someone's sexual orientation based on their stated gender identity or gender presentation.

# KNOW YOUR PRIDE FLAG!

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HETEROSEXUAL



GAY, LESBIAN & PRIDE IN GENERAL



BISEXUAL



TRANSGENDER



INTERSEXUAL



POLYSEXUAL



NON-BINARY



PANSEXUAL



GENDERQUEER



AGENDER



ASEXUAL



GENDERFLUID



AROMANTIC



DEMISEXUAL



LGBT PEOPLE OF COLOR



LIPSTICK SUBCULTURE



BEAR BROTHERHOOD SUBCULTURE



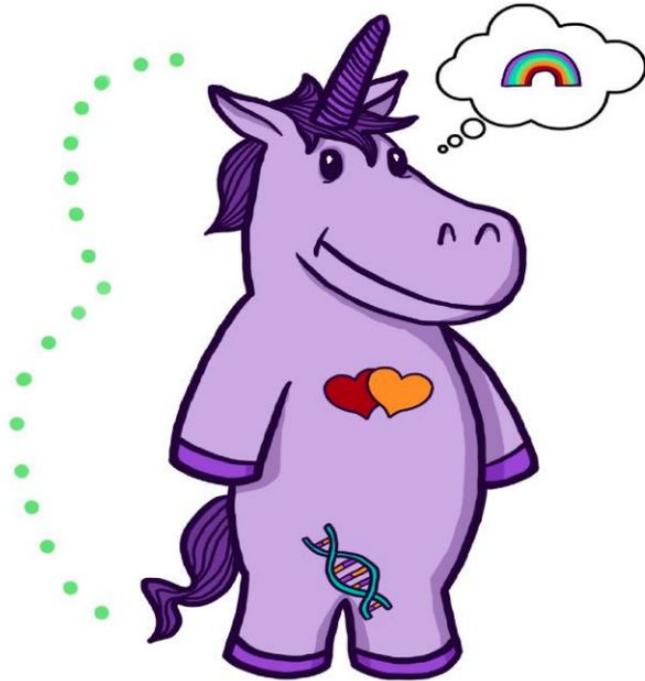
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This is not an exhaustive list!

There are even more flags out there that aren't represented here, and identities that don't have flags or recognition yet. That doesn't mean they aren't valid.

# The Gender Unicorn

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Gender Identity



Female / Woman / Girl

Male / Man / Boy

Other Gender(s)



Gender Expression



Feminine

Masculine

Other



Sex Assigned at Birth

Female

Male

Other / Intersex



Physically Attracted to



Women

Men

Other Gender(s)



Emotionally Attracted to



Women

Men

Other Gender(s)

To learn more, go to:  
[www.transstudent.org/gender](http://www.transstudent.org/gender)

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# Helpful Statistics

- Transgender: about 1 in every 250 adults, about 1 million Americans (2017)
- About 2% of people worldwide are estimated to be transgender (2021)
- LGBT: 5.6% of US adults (over 18 million adults) identify as LGBT (2021)
  - The average doesn't show the increase across generations (next slide)
  - 1 in 6 Gen Z adults consider themselves LGBT!

## Americans' Self-Identification as LGBT, by Generation

	<b>LGBT</b>	<b>Straight/Heterosexual</b>	<b>No opinion</b>
	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>%</b>
Generation Z (born 1997-2002)	15.9	78.9	5.2
Millennials (born 1981-1996)	9.1	82.7	8.1
Generation X (born 1965-1980)	3.8	88.6	7.6
Baby boomers (born 1946-1964)	2.0	91.1	6.9
Traditionalists (born before 1946)	1.3	89.9	8.9

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# Pronouns: Beyond “He” and “She”

- English is a frustrating language when it comes to pronouns!
- Third person, singular “they”
- Neopronouns: ze/hir, ze/zir, ey/em, fae/fem, and beyond
- Multiple pronouns: they/she; he/they; he/she; etc.
- <https://www.mypronouns.org/>
- Some languages, like French, have officially added gender neutral pronouns! Many languages have begun to change how gender is denoted in pronouns and nouns.

Any clarifying questions?

There will be time for more questions and longer discussion after hearing testimonies—so save your big questions for later!