

THINKING ABOUT YOUR VALUES REGARDING SEXUALITY AND YOUR CHILDREN

There are no right or wrong answers. The important thing is to think about your own beliefs and to determine the type of messages that you want to give your children. If you are sharing parenting responsibilities everyone can participate to see if you have similarities or differences in your attitudes and opinions.

Do you agree (A) or Disagree (D) with these statements?

- All children should have the same toys.
- I am comfortable having my child see me nude.
- Infants should be allowed to touch and enjoy their genitals.
- I would not mind if my child was gay.
- It is the mom's job to teach about sexuality.
- Siblings of different genders can bathe together.
- My child does not have to wear gender specific clothing.
- Pink is for girls, blue is for boys.
- Children need to know the correct names of their genitals.
- It can be harmful to teach children about sex at an early age.
- Parents should never fight in front of their children.
- It is cute when young children have crushes.
- It is ok for parents to pierce their toddlers ears.

- Cartoons contain too many sexist images.
- I want to be the one to teach my child about sexual intercourse.
- You can spoil children by loving them too much.
- Parents should closely monitor their child's television use.
- Parents should closely monitor their child's Internet use.
- Parents should closely monitor their children's music choices.
- My twelve year old can go on group dates.
- Parents should decide what is appropriate for their child to wear until high school.
- I want my child to wait until marriage to have sexual intercourse.

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