SHAPING ARROWS:

HELPING YOUR CHILDREN UNDERSTAND BIBLICAL SEXUALITY

CLASS #1: FOUNDATIONS FOR BIBLICAL SEXUALITY

GOD'S DESIGN FOR SEXUALITY IN GENESIS

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- Genesis 1:26-31
  - Man and woman TOGETHER reflect the fullest image of God
  - Male & female are both the same and different in important ways
  - The call to multiply is a call that only man and woman can do together, when united
    - Sex/intercourse was created for procreation

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- Genesis 2:18-25
  - Woman was “fit” for man and vice versa
  - Woman was created for more than man’s loneliness
  - Woman’s creation by man’s rib shows both the husband’s headship and the woman’s equal value
  - Marriage exists because men and women were made from and for each other

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- Genesis 3:9-19
  - Man is the head of the family and ultimately responsible for the family's well-being
  - Women have an important role in the family for childbearing and rearing
  - Men have an important role in the family for work & provision

OLD TESTAMENT SEXUAL ETHIC

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- Leviticus 18
  - Separates God's people from the Pagan nations AND upholds God's moral law
    - Incest is wrong
    - Adultery is wrong
    - Homosexuality is wrong
    - Beastiality is wrong

OLD TESTAMENT SEXUAL ETHIC

- Biblical references where the words "depravity," "abomination," or "perversion" are used:
  - Lying
  - Desecrating the temple
  - Turning away from God's law
  - Justifying the wicked
  - Arrogance
  - Dishonest measurements
  - Crooked hearts
  - Thoughts of the wicked
  - The fee of a prostitute to pay for a vow
  - Sacrifice of the wicked
  - Hands that shed innocent blood
  - False witness
  - Sowing discord
  - False gods/idols

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- Biblical references where the words "depravity," "abomination," or "perversion" are used:
  - Sex with a promiscuous woman
  - Sexual sin (Leviticus 18)
  - Cross-dressing (Leviticus 22)

OLD TESTAMENT SEXUAL ETHIC

- Deuteronomy 22:5
  - Men and women must be clearly distinct and not confused in culture

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- Isaiah 56:4-5
  - God rewards his followers who are unable to find sexual fulfillment in marriage/family

NEW TESTAMENT SEXUAL ETHIC

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- Matthew 19: 3-9
  - Jesus upholds God's design for sexuality by quoting from Genesis 1 & 2
  - Jesus affirms that some things were allowed by God but were not ideal
  - As a Jew, Jesus upholds all OT sexual ethic by mentioning "sexual immorality"

NEW TESTAMENT SEXUAL ETHIC

- Mark 7:21-23
  - Jesus shows that “sexual immorality” comes from within someone’s heart, is evil, and defiles a person

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- 1 Corinthians 6:9-7:9
  - Paul connects the sexual immorality of homosexuality with Leviticus 18 & 20
  - "Sexual immorality" is a general term that, as with Jesus, refers to the whole of OT sexual ethic
  - Marriage between a man and a woman is the only correct outlet for sexual temptation
  - Celibacy without "burning with passion" is a unique gift from God
  - Singleness is a special opportunity for Gospel advancement

GOD'S GOSPEL PURPOSE FOR SEXUALITY

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- Ephesians 5:22-23
  - Marriage symbolizes the relationship God wants with us
  - When we distort or confuse God's purpose for sexuality, we distort and confuse the Gospel