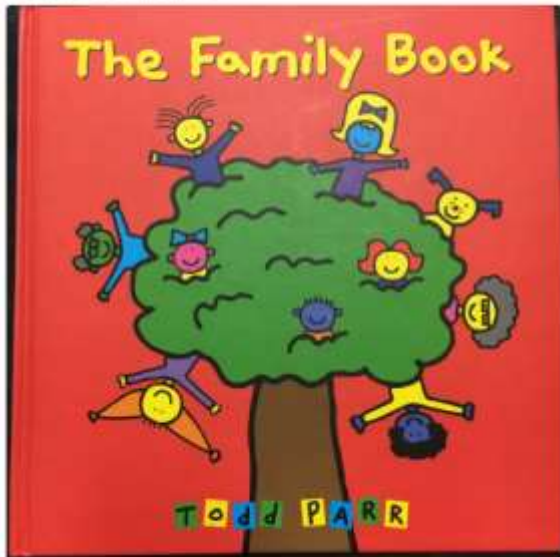


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 Today we celebrated different kinds of families for #aisdpride week! All families are welcome at Cunningham!





**What can we offer,
when we cannot offer acceptance?**



To listen

- God did Gen. 3:9-13
- Jesus did
- The saints did Acts 6:9; 11:2-3; 13:14-15;
18:26; 19:2
- We can (Matt. 7:12; 22:39; Jn. 4:27)

What can we offer. . . ?

Finally, one day, my grandfather sat me down to talk about it. He was, and will remain the only person whose opinion I will ever care about. With tears in his eyes, he asked me to stop.

Everything in me wanted to keep going – not even because I wanted it anymore, but because of pride. “What will people think?” I thought. I had made everyone play along. If I suddenly stopped, what would I tell people?

Those questions ate at me. And yet, there was my grandpa, the man I respect most, pleading with me through tears. I just couldn’t tell him no. . . . His intervention may have saved my life

- www.intellectuالتakeout.org/article/i-spent-year-trans-man-doctors-failed-me-every-turn (Sydney Wright)

Truth of Jesus Christ

- Jn. 14:6 Jesus the source
- 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Ps. 119:18 Bible the record
- Ps. 19:1-4; 2 Pet. 1:19 All may understand

What can we offer. . . ?

Patience of Jesus Christ

- Where are they from? Ps. 127:1-2

What can we offer. . . ?

By the time I was 17, my parents had long divorced and I was living with my dad. That's when he found out I was dating girls. He promptly kicked me out of the house, saying it was his way or the highway.

With little choice, I moved in with my mom.

Soon after that, I cut my hair – a decision that grieved both my parents. But what happened next grieved them far more.

At age 18, I started seeing a bunch of transgender men's "success stories" on Instagram. The trans men talked about how something had always "felt off" with them, and they said people couldn't tell they had been the opposite sex after their transition.

Their stories all seemed to have a happy ending – and it made me rather jealous.

Patience of Jesus Christ

- Where are they from? Ps. 127:1-2
- Where are you been? Ti. 3:1-3
- What might they remember about you?
Lk. 15:17

What can we offer. . . ?

Love of Jesus Christ

- Do not let others define “love” —God has!
- His love is unconditional, His acceptance is not
Jn. 3:16; Rom. 5:8
- Love and commandments inseparable
1 Jn. 5:3-4 (Deut. 6:24)

What can we offer. . . ?

What can we offer, when we cannot offer acceptance?

Learn God's offer to all who...

Turn to Christ Acts 2:38; Rom. 10:10

Return to Christ Acts 8:22; 1 Jn. 1:9

Abide in Christ John 15:7

