

How to Explain Your Beliefs About Sex

“Know how you should answer each person.”—Colossians 4:6.



STEP 1 UNDERSTAND YOUR BELIEFS

Write down a scripture
that explains God's view
of sex before marriage.



Now list three reasons why you believe it's best to postpone sex until marriage.

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STEP 2 EXPLAIN YOUR BELIEFS

First, try to determine the reason why the question is being raised.

If the person seems to be taunting you ...

How might you respond?

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EXAMPLE: "If someone said: 'You're still a virgin? What's wrong with you?' I'd say: 'What's wrong with me? I'm not pregnant, I don't have any STDs, and I feel good about myself!'"
—Kathy.

If the person seems sincere ...

What scripture(s) might you feel comfortable sharing?

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EXAMPLE: "You know, I read something interesting in the Bible. Can I show it to you? It's at . . ." (Read and explain the scripture.)

How might you illustrate the wisdom of God's law to the person?

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EXAMPLE: "If you were given a really special gift, would you just toss it to another person you barely knew who wouldn't use it for a good purpose?"—Corrine.

How could you make clear that God doesn't condemn *all* sex?

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EXAMPLE: "Sex is a God-given gift. But God has also instructed us to share this gift only with one person—our marriage mate. When I find that person and get married to him, I will no longer be a virgin."—Serena.



For more information, go to jw.org and read the online article "Young People Ask—How Can I Explain My Beliefs About Sex?" (Look under BIBLE TEACHINGS > TEENAGERS.)