Note to Leaders: Many girls have friends or family members who are homosexuals. Be sensitive to these girls who may view homosexuality as an acceptable alternative lifestyle. It may help to begin your discussion by asking for a show of hands of anyone who has a friend or family member who is a homosexual.

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What was God’s original design for marriage and family?
God created a man and a woman, not a man and another man.
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Why did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah?
God destroyed entire cities for their homosexual lifestyle and sexual immorality.
Do the activities that Sodom and Gomorrah were participating in bear any resemblance to some of the things going on in American culture?

Read Leviticus 18:22.
What does this say about homosexuality?
God severely condemns homosexuality.

Read Romans 1:24–27.
What does this verse say about homosexuality?
Homosexuality is an unnatural act that God calls “indecent.” People who do these things receive penalty for their perversion.
What does it mean to exchange the truth of God for a lie? What lie is this verse talking about?

Read 1 Corinthians 6:9–11.
What does this verse say about homosexuality?
The sexually immoral and homosexuals will not inherit the kingdom of God.
What does this verse say about redemption? Can homosexuals change?
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Although homosexuality is a sin, we must remember that Christ died to forgive those involved in this kind of a lifestyle.
For more information and godly insight on alternate lifestyles, see:

- *Exodus International* (www.exodusglobalalliance.org) which is a ministry devoted to helping individuals attain freedom from homosexuality.

- *Truth & Tolerance: Student* and *Truth & Tolerance: Youth Leader* booklets from *Exodus International*. These resources provide great, practical advice for dealing with the issue of homosexuality with your students.

- *101 Questions About Homosexuality* by Mike Haley. This book is a great resource for you as a leader as you attempt to answer some of the tough questions your girls may have.
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