

Same-Sex Marriage Story
Story for All Ages
Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara

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This was written by one of our lesbian moms, Kirsten Zecher, for the story during a service on same-sex marriage. Her daughter and her daughter's best friend performed the play reading beautifully. Not a dry eye. Kir has given me enthusiastic permission to share it with you. Anne Anderson, DRE

Playground Talk

Setting: Two young friends sit talking on the playground after school, waiting for their parents to pick them up.

Emily: (pointing) Is that your auntie coming over to pick you up?

Claire: No, she's my mommy.

Emily: I thought that other lady who walked you into school was your mommy.

Claire: No, she is my mama.

Emily: Which one is your real mom?

Claire: I have two moms.

Emily: Why?

Claire: Because I'm lucky.

Emily: How are you lucky?

Claire: I'm lucky to have a family with two moms who love me.

Emily: But how come you have two moms?

Claire: They are both my parents. And they had a commitment ceremony.

Emily: What does that mean?

Claire: It means that they love each other and promise to always help each other.

Emily: HEY, that sounds like getting married. I thought two girls can't get married.

Claire: Well they want to. They love each other as much as other people who can get married.

Emily: But who does all the boy stuff in the house like sports and fixing the sink?

Claire: Oh, they both do what they are good at. Lucky for me they both are good at making chocolate chip cookies.

Emily: Hmmm, so why can't they get married?

Claire: I think there are rules against it.

Emily: Why?

Claire: The rules have been around a long time and my moms say that people have trouble with change.

Emily: So if your moms get married, a lot of things would change? Like, would other people stop getting married?

Claire: I don't think so.

Emily: Would everyone get divorced and all girls marry girls and all boys marry boys?

Claire: I don't think so.

Emily: Would it be worse for all the kids with two married moms or two married dads?

Claire: No way. And it sure would have made this conversation a lot easier!

Emily: So what would change?

Claire: I think there would be more love and understanding in the world.

Emily: That sounds good to me!

Claire: Me too!

Emily: Let's go see if your mom brought us some chocolate chip cookies.

Claire: Oh, look! She did.