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Grocery Shopping Scene

Amy: She is a 32 year old stay at home mother.

Tommy: Amy's 4-year-old son. He talks a lot and doesn't understand how to filter what he says. Amy and Tommy are grocery shopping. Tommy notices two men holding hands in the store and asks his mother about it.

TOMMY: Mommy, I thought boys like girls.

AMY: (She puts some groceries into the shopping cart, oblivious to the gay couple in the same aisle.) Hmm? Boys do like girls, why?

TOMMY: (Pointing at the couple) Well why are those guys holding hands?

AMY: (Looks up at the couple and back at Tommy. She whispers.) Tommy, it's not polite to talk about people in public. We can talk about this in the car, alright?

TOMMY: But why?

AMY: Because I said so. It's rude. Now, I don't want to hear another word until we are in the car.

After about 10 more minutes, Amy is done with her shopping and goes into the checkout line. She pays for her items and walks to the car holding her groceries in one hand and Tommy's hand in her other. After putting the groceries in the car and buckling Tommy up, Amy sits down and turns on the car.

TOMMY: Will you tell me now?

AMY: Alright, well those two men like each other very much.

TOMMY: So you hold someone's hand if you like them?

AMY: It's a little more complicated than that honey. See, those two men like each other how Daddy and I like each other.

TOMMY: Oh. But I thought guys could only like girls, even if they have cooties.

AMY: That isn't really true. Sometimes guys like other guys or girls like other girls. These couples are called gay or homosexual. Some people don't think that's okay, but you can't help who you like or love.

TOMMY: Why don't people like that?

AMY: Because some people were raised differently. Some are old fashioned and think it's not right and guys should only be with girls. So these people will be mean to the guys that like other guys or girls that like other girls.

TOMMY: Those people don't sound nice. They sound like bullies! I don't like bullies.

AMY: (Laughs) Yea no one likes a bully. But not everyone is like that. A lot of people support gay couples.

TOMMY: Do we?

AMY: Well Daddy and I do. We think it's okay.

TOMMY: Should I?

AMY: Well what do you believe?

TOMMY: I don't think people should be bullied for who they like. That's just mean!

AMY: I agree! So you support gay couples then.

TOMMY: (Smiles) Yeah, I do!