

## Childhood F2M Gender Identity Dysphoria (GID) "Rosetta Stone"

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**A child with F2M Gender Identity Dysphoria (GID) might say:**

**An adult survivor of childhood F2M GID would explain it this way.**

<b>1</b>	"I wish I was / I want to be a boy."	"I am a female to male transgendered person."
<b>2</b>	"I look like a girl outside but I've always been a boy inside."	"I've had a male gender identity since my earliest memory and was most likely born with it."
<b>3</b>	"Sometime I like to do girl things, but mostly I like boy things.."	"My identity as male has never changed, no matter how I was perceived by others or what typically female type things I may have done."
<b>4</b>	"I've always felt like a boy no matter how old I was."	"Havin a male gender identity was never simply a phase. Despite what others may have thought or wanted to believe, I've always felt this way."
<b>5</b>	"Being a boy is my idea. No one makes me do it."	"Having a male gender identity is not something my mother, father or anyone forced me to do or pushed me into. No one could have forced me to want this or to go through everything I have."
<b>6</b>	"I'm sad because I tell everybody I want to be a boy but no one listens."	"My repeated pleas, prayers and demands to treated like a boy were ignored by most adults. I felt like I didn't matter at all and that was very frustrating and depressing."
<b>7</b>	"I don't like girls better or boys better. I'm just a boy."	"Having a male gender identity has nothing to do with my romantic attractions and never has. I knew I was a boy before I knew what romance was and long before I was interested in it."
<b>8</b>	"I just want to be treated like a boy and I should have a boy's name."	"If I could never have a male looking body or wear male clothing I'd still know who I am. I'd still know I am male. I want to be seen for who I am."
<b>9</b>	"I don't want to be like a girl or look like my mommy/mother."	"I don't want to be forced to go through the unwanted and disturbing development of secondary sexual characteristics that are not in line with my male gender identity. I don't want my body to change so that I look like a woman."

10	"I don't know if/why God wanted me to be a girl. I am a boy."	"Belief in God or lack of belief in God has nothing to do with my male gender identity. If I believe in God, then I believe with all my heart that a God of Love made me this way."
11	"Doesn't what I want matter at all?"	"I deserve to have my male gender identity respected and validated, regardless of my age."
12	"Some people think I'm crazy but I'm just a boy."	"I don't have a mental disorder. I have a male gender identity because of the way I was born, not because of something that is wrong with me mentally."
13	"I'm only really happy when I can be a boy. I don't like being a girl and no one can make me be happy that way."	"My quality of life is completely connected to expressing my male gender identity. If denied that right, my present and future happiness and self-esteem will be severely, if not permanently damaged. I don't want to be forced to look like something that doesn't match the way I feel inside."
14	"I know that [People] love me and want me to be happy. I'm happy when I get to be a boy and other people say it's OK that I'm a boy and they like me anyway."	"I know that people love me for who I am. I'm happy when others validate my male gender identity and accept me the way I am."