

THAT AGE

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(solo voices)

- Adolescence is a disease caught between the ages of 10 and 14. Sometimes people get over it.
- No one has ever died from adolescence but some parents have been damaged beyond repair.
- Girls enter adolescence about two years before boys. This gives them a head start and a way to escape before the boys get there.
- Boys enter adolescence then they get out when they get their driver's license. Then they have kids of their own and it starts all over again.
- Puberty is the best part of adolescence but only if you discover it on your own. When teachers talk about it I want to bury my head in my book bag.
- In adolescence, the number of your sweat glands doubles. Thanks, God. Like I needed that.
- The typical adolescent needs to increase his food intake 25% to stay healthy. Vegetables and milk products are the best way. Pizza has both of these.
- Most adults think that puberty has to do with sex. The average 8th-grader is more concerned about pimples.
- Last night I found my first hair on my chest. This morning in the shower it washed off. Bummer.
- They say if you shave, the hair will grow quicker. I do know that you'll bleed quicker.

THE SEX LECTURE

SON: My Dad sat me down on the sofa and told me

DAD: My son, it is time that we talked.

BOYS: I told him,

SON: You mean about X-men and pirates and baseball?

BOYS: He said,

DAD: No, a man-to-man talk.

BOYS: He said,

DAD: It's time that we covered, the things that a young man should know ... About all the birds and the bees and the things that ... uh ... you know ... make this world go.

SON: You mean ...

BOYS: I replied,

SON: ... like computers and cars and music and TV and such?

DAD: Not quite,

BOYS: said my Dad. Then he looked sort of sad.

DAD: I mean females, and girls ... all that stuff.

SON: "Cool!" I responded, "That's just what I wanted! 'Cause I'd really like to know that!

There's girls on my team that just holler and scream when they miss a good strike with their bat."

DAD: That's not what I mean,

BOYS: said my Dad, looking green.

DAD: I mean about birds and the bees. I think you should know what makes the world go.

BOYS: Then his face scrunched like moldy Swiss cheese.

DAD: It's time, my young son, that we talked about sex, but I'm sort of uncomfortable though.

BOYS: I smiled at my Dad,

SON: Take it easy man ... Just tell me what it is that you'd like to know!

WHEN GOD MADE THE BOYS

GIRLS: When God made the boys He must have been sleepy
And made some mistakes so they turned out real creepy.
He must have been working on monkeys or cats.
Why else would a boy seem so much like a rat?
A boy isn't normal, a boy isn't nice
A boy picks his nose and he wiggles his eyes.
A boy scratches places that shouldn't be scratched.
A boy's like a chicken that's just not quite hatched.
He's rude and he's crude when he stumbles to speak
And he changes his socks at least once a week.
A dog's at least loving and loyal and kind.
But when God made the boy he left his out mind.

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SOLO GIRL: I left my assignment at home,

GIRLS: he replies

SOLO GIRL: I think my dog ate it. (*The boys always lie.*)

GIRLS: Maybe one day at the dawn of creation

God made a mistake in the human equation.

Perhaps because girls were so sweet and devout

He created the boy to even things out.

But, I've got a theory about what God did.

He first made the man and he looked at this kid. He said,

SOLO GIRL: Now I see what is wrong with this world!

GIRLS: And fixed the mistake and created the Girl!

GIRLS ARE JUST WEIRD

BOYS: Girls are just weird. I can't figure them out.

And the strangest things can come out of their mouths.

SOLO BOY: Don't ever talk to me again!

SOLO BOY: How come he never talks to me?

SOLO BOY: Did you see the way he keeps staring at me?

SOLO BOY: I can't believe it! He hasn't even looked at me all week!

BOYS: Girls are just weird. I can't figure them out.

And the strangest things can come out of their mouths.

SOLO BOY: Boys are just so immature!

SOLO BOY: He always tries to act older. What a stuck up!

I can figure out algebra, hamsters and cows

BOYS: But girls are just weird, I can't figure them out.

THINGS AN ADOLESCENT SHOULD NEVER SAY

(*solo voices*)

- Mom, who's older? You or Dad?
- Mom, can I stay over night at Cory's house? His mom's a really good cook.
- My Mom said that when I went to camp I had to change underwear every day. On Monday I changed with Travis, on Tuesday I changed with Ricky.
- Why does grandma have a moustache?



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