

Both Moms and Dads Matter Differences Matter: Two Left Legs

Imagine, for a moment, that instead of a right leg and a left leg, that you had two left legs.

Discuss:

- What would that be like?
- Would you be able to walk? (Answer: probably)
- Run fast? Roller Skate? Play Sports? (Answer: Possibly)
- Would you be able to do those things as well as you can with a right leg and a left leg working together? (Answer: No)

Explore why you could do the things you list, but you wouldn't be able to do them as well:

- You would have two left big toes (or two right big toes) and you would not be able to balance as well - because there is no "opposition" or counterbalance provided by the big toes (to aid a person in balancing and thus walking, running, playing sports).
- Your weight would be more easily thrown to one side and your arms, and the rest of the body, would need to be continually working to compensate for that imbalance.
- A right leg and a left leg are "complementary." They balance one another and bring to the body a wholeness. The two opposite legs, together, are better than one alone, or two legs with the same foot and toe.

It's the same with men and women, particularly parents. A mom and a dad are *complements* to each other and each of them bring something different, but necessary, to their children. Yes, other circumstances for families exist, but they are less than ideal and require other things to compensate for the absence of a man and a woman, together.

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Picture of a person with two left legs