

# Christian Teacher Fired for Refusing to Participate in 'Lies From the Devil'

Backed into a corner, Christian teacher Jessica Tapia faced a moral dilemma—and knew she just couldn't compromise.

And for that, she was fired. Plain and simple.

Tapia, a teacher in the Jurupa Unified School District in Southern California, told Fox News Digital that she refused to comply with the district's gender policies, which instructed her not only to hide students' gender transitions from parents but also to keep them in the dark through lying.

"I knew immediately, like in my gut, in my heart, in my soul, that there was a decision I had to make because, you know, these two things were totally butting heads," Tapia told Fox News Digital. "I essentially had to pick one.

"Am I going to obey the district in the directive that are not lining up with ... my own beliefs, convictions and faith?" she asked. "Or am I going to stay true ..., choose my faith, choose to be obedient to ... the way the Lord has called me to live. And so it was crazy to be in the position where I realized that I couldn't be a Christian and a teacher."

In January, Tapia received a notice on letterhead from Superintendent Trenton Hansen's office that say they couldn't accommodate Tapia's Christian beliefs, which prohibited her from "withholding information on gender transitions from kids' parents."

"Consequently, the District will release you from your employment effective at the end of the day on Jan. 31, 2023," the statement read. "Based on your religious beliefs, you

cannot be dishonest with parents ... If asked about a student's gender identity by a parent, you cannot refer the parent to a counselor, defer the inquiry and suggest they speak with a student ..., or otherwise deflect the parent's inquiry." The letter was signed by assistant superintendent of human resources Daniel Brooks.

Tapia says the whole situation comes directly from the enemy.

"I don't believe in my faith that that's how God's calling us to love by affirming those lies and confusion," Tapia said. "I believe firmly that God created man and woman, and you are who he made you to be. And when someone has confusion about that, I believe that's lies and confusion from the devil."

As expected, the school district, in a statement to Fox News Digital, denied that it discriminated against Tapia based on her Christian beliefs. The statement reads:

"The District denies the allegations raised by Ms. Tapia. The District takes seriously its obligation to accommodate its employee's religious beliefs. Simultaneously, the District is obligated to comply with all local, state, and federal laws, including anti-discrimination laws and laws that protect students' rights to privacy, which are in place to protect the nearly 2,500 employees and 18,000 students we serve. We cannot comment further on personnel matters."

But when Fox News Digital pressed the school district about the accusation by Tapia that educators should lie to parents about students' gender identities, it did not directly respond.

"The District is required to comply with all state and federal laws, including the California Education Code which guarantees a student's right to participate in sex-segregated school activities and to use facilities consistent with the student's gender identity, regardless of the gender listed on the student's records," the district told Fox News Digital. "The

District is also obligated to protect a student's right to privacy which is guaranteed by state and federal antidiscrimination laws and the California Constitution. The District will continue to protect the rights of all students and staff as required by law."

 Tapia intends to sue the school district and has retained an attorney at Pacific Justice Institute.

As a physical education teacher, Tapia also refused to allow "male genitals" in the girls' locker room, a stance that is in direct opposition with school district policy. {eo}

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## Is Jesus Video Game Evangelism or Blasphemy?

Technology has come a long way in the past few years, and the innovation has stretched into all types of industries, many of which have benefited mankind. The video game industry is certainly among them, and here is a new game that could spark

intense debate between Christians and non-Christians in the coming months.

Created by Polish game developer SimulaM, the video game “I Am Jesus Christ” is a historical, open-world simulation game where you can, as The Jerusalem Post puts it, “step in to the sandals of the ‘alleged’ Son of God himself and perform miracles, die and get resurrected.”

It also allows the player, as Jesus, to fight Satan and die “horrifically” on the cross.

“Perform amazing miracles, interact with a cast of biblical figures and travel around the Holy Land from Jerusalem to the Galilee,” reads the game’s page on the PC gaming platform Steam.

To watch the promotional trailer for the game, [click here](#).

The game was most recently revealed at an IGN Fan Fest event. It takes players on a journey from the birth of Jesus, through his life and various miracles, all the way until his crucifixion and ultimately his Resurrection.

Some of the miracles players will be able to perform include walking on water, making a stormy sky dissipate, turning water into wine, and dying and resurrecting. There is, according to The Jerusalem Post, an “over-the-top boss battle with Satan.”

To perform these miracles, The Jerusalem Post reports, players need to “keep an eye on their ‘Holy Spirit’ meter, which depletes with each miracles—though, of course, it can be recharged.

The Jerusalem Post reports that many people have commented on social media about the game. While their tone is that of amusement, their comments could very well border on the blasphemous:

- “Hopefully, no one spoils the ending.”

- A game 2,000 years in the making.”
- “When Jesus said he would return, never thought it would be in the form of a video game.”
- As far as the ending goes, I’m just gonna touch wood, cross my fingers and hope that they nail it.”

“Nail it,” as in Jesus to the cross? You decide.

But then the game could also spark a renewed interest in Jesus and the Bible among Gen Zers, whom many have reportedly run away from the church in America’s culturally charged atmosphere.

One YouTube user refutes any blasphemy claims, saying “This game wasn’t disrespectful in any way and despite the bugs, it clearly has effort put into it.”

“I feel like it was created by a small group who’s just really passionate about Jesus,” Layla said on YouTube.

And The Jerusalem Post’s Aaron Reich wrote: “The game itself isn’t tongue and cheek. Rather, while it may have some unintentional humor—Jesus Christ shrinking to enter a child’s body to cure diseases—the game itself seems to be a serious attempt at spreading the story of Jesus and the New Testament.

- ❌ Each scene included in the game with each miracle is accompanied by a biblical verse from the New Testament describing it.”

The game’s prologue is already available to play at no cost, while the full game is slated for release sometime in the second quarter of this year. SimulaM is planning more biblically based games, with one centering around the building of Noah’s ark and another other featuring Moses and the Israelites’ journey from Egypt to the promised land. {eoa}

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