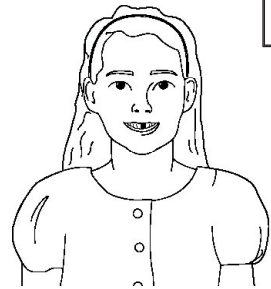


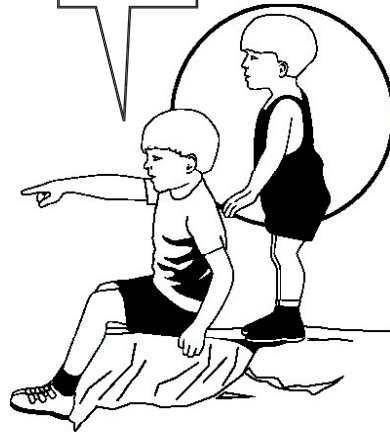
Did you know that if you were the *only* person who needed to be saved, Jesus would have come to earth just for YOU!



*Wow! If I were the only one, He would still have come just for me!*



*Or you!*



*Or you!*

Or ME! (Draw your picture in the box.)

No wonder we love Him.  
God is *so* good.



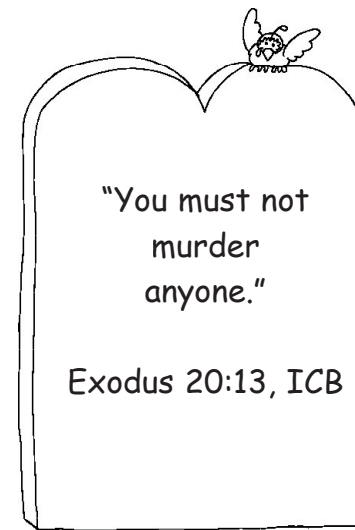
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# GOD WANTS TO BE MY VERY BEST FRIEND

## Lesson 6

### God Created Life and Wants Me To Protect It



*This is an easy one! I would never kill anyone. It is such an obvious thing. I wonder why God even included it in His rules.*



*Maybe this rule is not so easy for everyone. Some people our age are in violent street gangs.*



*How awful! I am sure glad it is not that way where we live!*

*In some countries there is war. Many terrible things happen as part of that. Boys our age sometimes fight with the armies or the resistance.*



*I guess I should thank God that I do not live in a place where that is happening.*



A little while later, he was playing a video game with his friend Carl. As the little commando figure ran across the video screen, Carl shouted.

*Kill him! Kill him!*



*I understand life where I live is important to God, but what about people in other countries where there are different laws. Is EVERYONE'S life important to Him?*

*That answer is in your Bible too. You can find it in Acts 10:34.*



Write the verse on the lines below.

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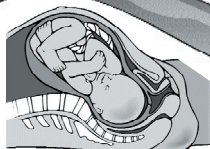
*To show God I love Him, I will treat people with respect. It does not matter whether or not I know them, they are important to God.*

What about YOU? Are you important to God?  
Did He love you even before you were born?



Read Jeremiah 1:5 and write the verse on the lines below.

Handwriting practice area with a decorative border of hearts and a ribbon, containing several horizontal lines for writing.



*If God doesn't want me to kill, playing games where I am pretending to kill doesn't feel right. If I really love God and want to please Him, maybe I shouldn't play games where I am pretending to kill people.*

*Let's go play basketball instead.*



*Thank you, God, for helping me realize this. I do not want to do things that would make You feel sad. I love You!*

**Later . . .**

*You should be especially glad about Mom insisting on respecting life that God gave.*



*Why?*

*Before you were born—in fact, before Mom ever knew you were coming—she was very sick.*



Really?



Yes, she took a lot of medicine for many months. Then she realized that you had started to grow inside of her.

I bet she was surprised!



Yes, she was, but her doctor was not happy. He told her that the medicine she was taking could make you develop abnormally. He told her she should have an abortion.



But that would have killed me!

Yes, but the doctor told her she could change to a safer medicine and have another baby later.



But . . . but . . . what about me?

Mom told the doctor that if God gave you life, she would love you and take care of you as long as you lived, whether you were normal or not.



Wow! Mom loved me even though she had not met me.



Yes, she did. Because God gave you life, you were important to her.