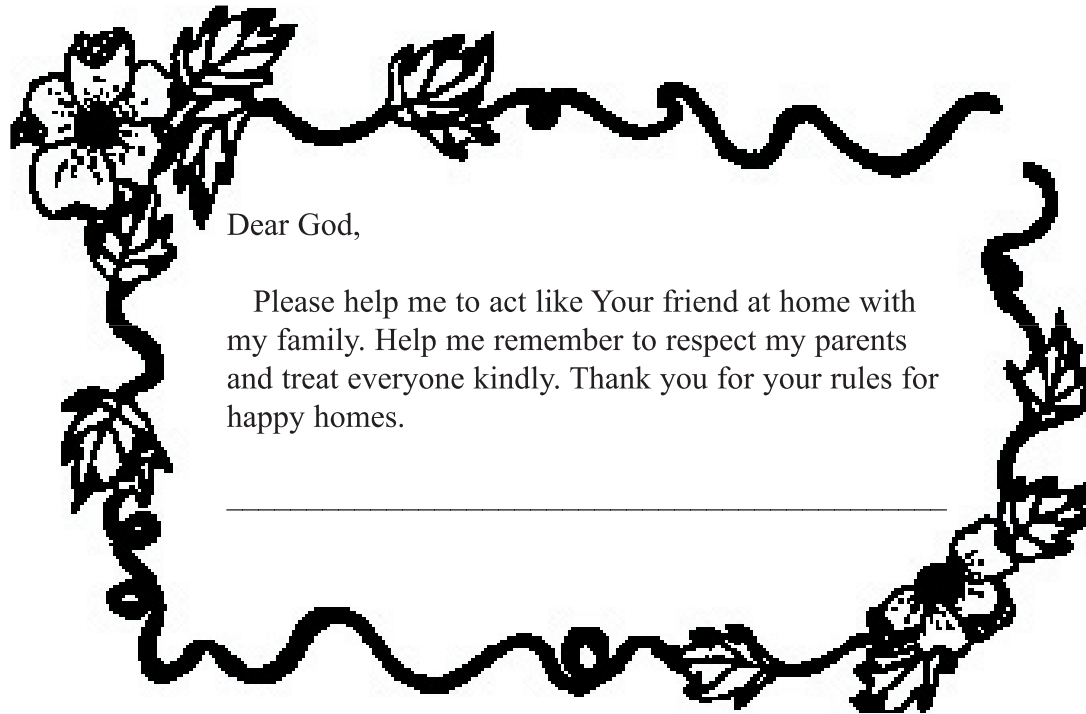




*Someday God is going to make a new world for His people where everyone lives by His rules. When that happens, people like Becky's mom will never have to leave again, because all of God's people will treat each other kindly and with respect. I can hardly wait!*



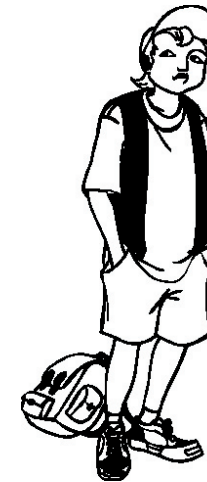
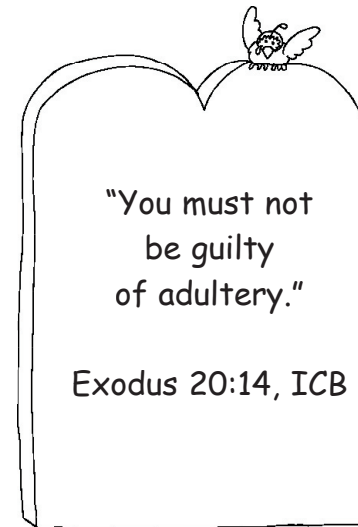
Read the letter to God below. If it says what you are feeling, sign your name on the blank at the bottom.



# GOD WANTS TO BE MY VERY BEST FRIEND

## Lesson 7

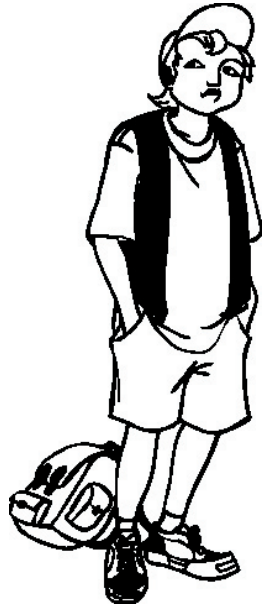
### God Wants My Family To Be Happy



*I cannot come to your house this weekend. I have to go to my father's house. I hate living in two different places.*

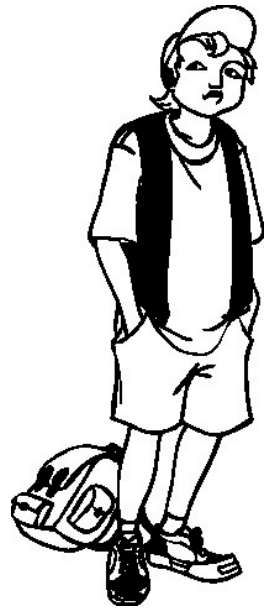
*You hate going to your father's house?*





*No, I hate that I have to have a life in two places. There are things I can't do because I am not at Dad's house all the time! And there are things I can't do here because I am at my dad's house on the weekends. It is really inconvenient.*

*Wow! That sounds very frustrating!*



*It's all my parents' fault! If they did not fight so much and get a divorce, it would not be like this. Dad had a girlfriend, and now Mom has a new husband. Dad broke up with his girlfriend and wanted to get back with Mom, but she couldn't because she married Dave.*

Find these verses in your Bible and match them to the correct hearts.

**Ephesians 5:33**



**Ephesians 6:1**



*How does Christ treat us as His church? Does He force us to do things and act bossy and mean towards us?*

*No, He gives us a free choice.*



*Then that must be how He wants husbands to treat their wives.*

*Does the Bible say anything else about families?*

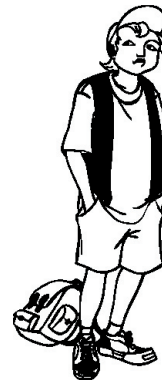


*I don't think God did it. God wants us to have happy families. He wants married people to love each other and never have other boyfriends or girlfriends. He wants them to stay married, loving each other until they die.*

*Really?*



*Yes. God wants us to be happy. He knows that married people sometimes get annoyed with each other. But staying together would be the happiest way to live and would hurt their children the least.*



*I surely wish my parents had followed that rule!*

*Well, life would have been different if they had. But at least now they could follow it, and their second families would be happier.*





*What about Becky's mother? Is God angry with her because she took Becky and John, and left their father?*

*Becky's mother had to leave in order to keep her children safe. God made that rule because He wants our families to be happy. If families are in danger God does not expect them to stay together. A parent is responsible for protecting the children.*



*Becky's dad thinks God said her mom has to obey Him. He says it is written in the Bible.*

Does the Bible really say that? Yes it does, but it also describes what the husband should be like. Look up Ephesians 5:22, 23 in your Bible and cross out the wrong answers.

**Optional answers:**

1. A husband should be willing to do anything to save and protect his wife and family.
2. A husband should be the head of the family.
3. Husbands are like God; they can do anything they want to to their families.



*Read Ephesians 5:25 and write it on the lines below.*

When husbands do not follow God's instruction, sometimes wives cannot obey them.