

The 5th Commandment: A Precious Life

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Do not murder. –Exodus 20:13 NIV

Your eyes saw my body even before it was formed. You planned how many days I would live. You wrote down the number of them in Your book before I had lived through even one of them.

–Psalm 139:16 NIV

- Have you ever planted a seed or a small plant?
- If so, did you worry about feeding it and protecting it?
- Have you ever taken care of a pet or an animal?
- If so, did you worry about feeding it and protecting it?
- Have you ever helped take care of a baby?
- If so, did you worry about feeding it and protecting it?

All life is precious. In the beginning of the world, God created everything. God made all the plants and all the animals. He then made humans in a very special way. He made them to be like Him and He loved them from the very beginning. In fact, God plans ahead for each and every person. He planned for you since before you were born! God makes each person precious and exactly the way He wants them to be made. God does not want anything to harm us. He commands us to not kill or harm anyone. This shows how special everyone is.

- Did you know God planned for you before you were born? **(Reread the 2nd Bible verse.)**
- How does it feel to know God made you exactly how He wanted you made?
- How does it feel to know God loves you exactly the way you are right now?

It is sad some people hate other people. It is very sad some people kill others. It means they do not think life is precious the way God says it is. In Matthew 19:19 NIV, Jesus says, "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." Jesus reminds us to treat others the same way we want to be treated.

- Think about a time you were angry with someone. What did you do when you were angry?
- Have you ever had anyone angry with you? If so, what happened?
- It's hard to be kind when we are angry. What are some ways to let people know we are angry, yet still be kind and show Jesus' love?

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for creating us and planning who we are.
Help us treat others with kindness and love, even when we are angry.

Thank You for the ways You teach us in the Bible.

We love You.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

