You Shall Not Murder

Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 5:17

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Application:

For Your Family:

Read together Matthew 5:21–26

Talk about how most people have never murdered anyone, but all people get angry at one time or another.

It's easy to get mad when something we don't like happens to us. The more we think about what happened, the madder we get. We might want to yell at someone, call them names, or hurt them.

If we stay angry, we will probably do something that will hurt someone else, hurt ourselves, and make God sad.

Jesus wants us to take care of our anger by making peace with whoever we're mad at. He even said if we're at worship, and remember we're mad, to leave and go to that person and try to make peace. Jesus doesn't want us to hang on to our anger.

Tell a story of a time when you were mad at someone, but you decided to make peace. Explain that even though it was hard, it was the right thing to do. Talk about how making peace with that person was better than staying mad, for them and for you.

Read together Matthew 5:9:

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Talk about how being a peacemaker is being like Jesus. Jesus came to earth to make peace between people and God. Jesus wants his followers to be peacemakers too. That means making peace with people who have made you mad.

Review the first six commandments:

Put God First Worship Him Only Keep God's Name Holy Keep the Lord's Day Holy Honor Your Parents Do Not Murder

Pray together that you will be able to be a peacemaker when people make you mad.