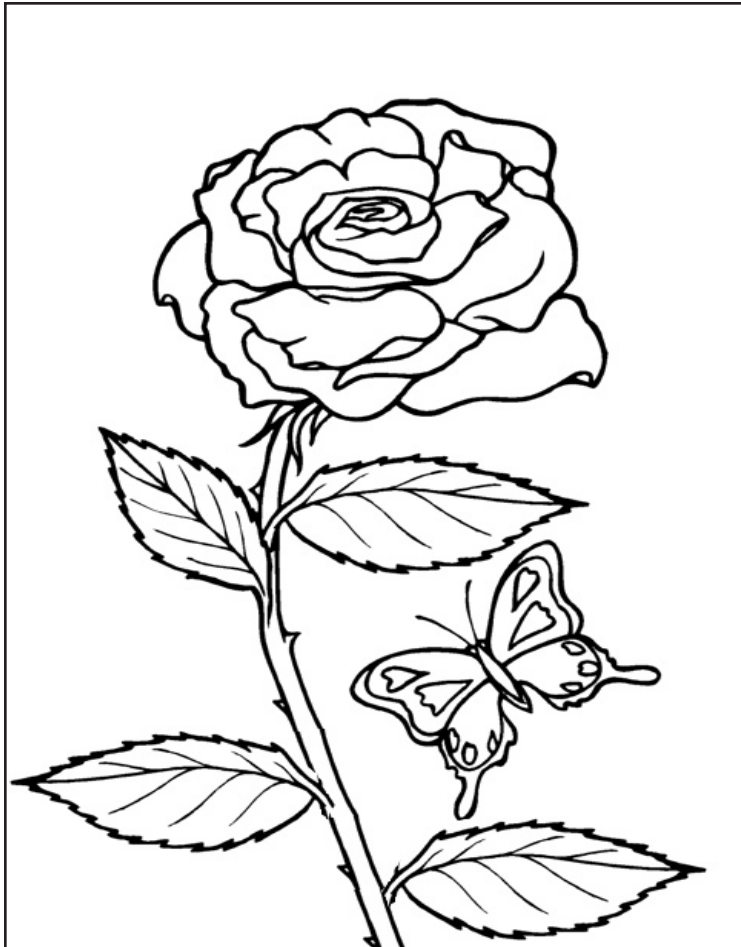
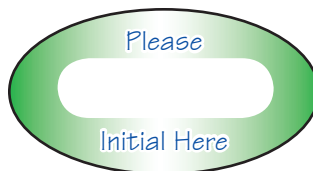


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Relationships in God's Creation

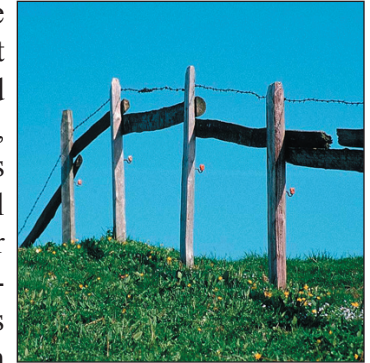
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Adults (3)

Safety and Protection

I. Overview.

Because children are innocent and don't expect that they would be harmed by others, they need the protection of adults they trust. Children are also small and not as strong as an adult. For this reason also they need protection. God has provided parents and other adults to keep children safe.



God uses parents to
protect children.

Children should always avoid talking to adults that they do not know. If an adult comes to speak to a child and the child does not know the adult, the child should run away quickly. The child should go to his parents or to another adult that he trusts and tell them what happened. If an adult that a child does not know was to chase the child or try to grab the child, the child should yell loudly "Help me, someone is trying to take me!" This will let other people nearby know that the child needs help.

II. Memory Verse.

"Keep me from the trap they have set for me and from the snares of the workers of iniquity."

(Psa. 141:9)

III. Lesson.

God has provided parents and other adults to protect children and keep them safe. Children should trust their parents and other adults that they know well to protect them. How a child should act toward adults that they don't know depends on whether they are with their parents or other adults that they trust.



Avoid Inappropriate Contact

If a child is with their parents or another adult that they trust, they should treat all other adults with respect. They should let the adult they are with do most all the talking to the other adults that they do not know. If a child is alone, he should be careful about contacting adults that he does not know. If an adult tries to get the child to go with him, or offers to give the child candy, or follows the child, something could be wrong. The child should not take any chances, but should run away quickly and go home if possible. He should tell his parents.

Adults should not be asking children that they do not know to go with them. Neither should adults be touching children that they do not know. This can actually be dangerous for the child. Some adults have taken children away and not let them go. This is called "kidnapping". It is against the law – it is a terrible crime.

Children Should Trust in their Parents' Protection

If a child thinks that an adult is trying to have improper contact with him, he should go home as quickly as possible and tell his

parents. God has provided parents to protect children from any kind of harm. The child should tell his parents exactly what happened. The parents will decide if anything else needs to be done.

Children are Very Important to God

God loves children. They are very important to Him. He needs them for His church and cares very much that they are treated properly. Children should realize that the love and care that are shown to them by their parents is an expression of God's love. As part of caring for their children, parents educate their children about things that can harm them. It is because they love them very much.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Why do children need protection from adults?

2. What should a child do if an adult they don't know asks the child to go with him?

3. Who should a child turn to for protection?

4. What is kidnapping?

