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In 1940, the German army invaded the Netherlands, a small country in Europe. Soon, the Nazi soldiers were arresting Jews and putting them in prison camps. Imagine you were a Jewish boy or girl living in the Netherlands. Where would you go to escape the Nazis? Where could you hide? A young woman named Corrie Ten Boom knew. Corrie had a secret room in her house that no one knew about. It was a special hiding place, a place of safety and protection that the Nazis couldn't find. Someday, you should read about how God used Corrie to save many lives in a book about her life called, *"The Hiding Place."*

Psalm 32:7 says that God is our hiding place. God protects us from harm; delivers us from trouble and rescues us from danger. Our safety and security comes from the fact that God loves us and watches over us. Does that mean life is always easy and we'll never get sick or have troubles? No, God doesn't promise us an easy life. But he does promise to be with us, to give us his strength and grace. One of the ways God protects us is by giving us his good commands. Obedience often keeps us from the negative consequences of sin.

- Can you think of some ways obeying God's commands might protect you from harm?
- Talk to God in prayer. Thank him for his protection. Ask him to help you trust him as your hiding place.