

# Scaring Others

I should love others, not scare them.

*Love one another.  
John 13:35*

## Scary Cow

There was a big statue of a cow in front of the grocery store. Mommy said the store put it there to remind people to buy milk because milk comes from a cow.

But Jeremy thought they put it there because it was funny.

“Moo,” said Jeremy as they parked the van. “I like the cow. He’s funny.”

As Jeremy mooed at the cow statue, his baby sister Madison started mooing, too. That’s when Jeremy got an idea. He decided to scare his baby sister.

“I’m scared,” Jeremy yelled. “I’m scared that big cow is going to eat us.”

Baby Madison started to cry and scream, “No cow! No cow!”

Madison got so scared that Jeremy began to feel scared, too. Before long, Jeremy was crying and screaming as much as Madison. He had meant to scare his baby sister, but Jeremy has scared himself as well!

Jeremy learned that it’s not fun to scare other people. He probably felt strong and smart to be able to scare his little sister, but he wound up feeling bad in the end. It’s not right to scare other people. God wants us to love and protect others, not scare them.

## Your Turn

1. Why did Jeremy say he was afraid of the cow?
2. Have you ever tried to scare someone? Why or why not?

## Prayer

God, please help me to remember that it’s not nice to scare other people. Amen.