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RESPECT LIFE ESSAY

If a friend told me they were going to get an abortion, I would tell them that they are breaking one of the Ten Commandments. Thou shall not kill. This is a commandment that is more serious. Although a baby is not in the world yet, they are still alive. A baby's heart is beating about three weeks into the pregnancy. A beating heart is one sure sign of life.

I would also tell them to think about what could happen if their baby stayed alive. All great people started out as a baby. Their baby could become the next president of the United States, a famous musician, or an artist. They could do something amazing within their life, like save someone else's life. They could rescue pets. None of this will happen, though, if you kill them. Those people will die, because your son or daughter was never born, and will never save their lives. Also, they will not carry on the family name or traditions through the next generation.

All of these bad things will happen, because you decided to get an abortion. Trust God, He will show you the way through this. He will always be by your side. Believe in Him and everything will get better. It may not get better right away, but it will soon.