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## Violence, the Worldwide Epidemic

Violence, a problem all around the world in every corner from pole to pole, east to west, north to south, it is everywhere and is in the human nature to spread it. But that can be stopped, instead we can spread love and joy, happiness and fun moments and a violence free world. So many things spread violence from video games to movies and even some books. The news and media spreads it like in the music kids listen to too the videos they see on the internet. Now here is a fictional story about violence.

Jacob was a depressed kid. His parents were poor, he was bullied at school, he was abused by his family, and no one loved him. Every day at school he was picked on. "You are a poor hobo." and, "Go beg with your kind" they would chant. He would be beaten at school and no one cared, not even the teachers which sometimes watched. His only friend was a dog he found on the street and he nursed him to be healthy. His parents didn't want him to have a dog and the dog only stayed because of Jacob. His parents abused him and all the did to him was feed him and shelter him. If he was not their son they would of kicked him out on the street. They beat because he did not do chores sometimes and they didn't care how low his grades got. Jacob was a smart boy but with all the abuse in his life his grades were bad. Teachers yelled at him for his grades and the other kids laughed and taunted him. His main bullies were popular people with their groups who also were mean and cruel in every way. Every day he was beaten up by them because he was unathletic and poor.

He has seen many violence in his short life, after all he is only fourteen. He has been the other end of the ruler for along time. He has been thinking about killing his self for a while if it weren't for his dog. His parents would throw him out and he would die if Jacob killed himself. So he hung in there, just for his friend. A year later Jacob was fifteen. It was his birthday and he was taking his dog for a walk. He tied him to a pole so he could get water. But Jacob wasn't the best at knot tying, and the rope was loose so his dog got loose. He ran out into the street and just as Jacob

turned around he saw a truck hit and kill his dog. The dog dead, on Jacobs birthday, what else could make it worse. He buried his dog on his own. No one cared about him or the dog's death not even his parents. The dog was just a stray they thought and moved on. That was it for Jacob. Later that night he snuck out of his house, saying goodbye to his dog's grave. He went to his school and took the rope and hung, right on the very place he was bullied, the place he dreaded going to everyday. People came to school that day and saw him, hanging like an old doll. They took the paper off his lifeless body, read it, and cried. For they found out the reason for his death was them. His parents finally cared about him, like they only did once before, the day he was born. Jacob now got to be with his dog forever, their love would be endless, because each other was all they got.