

I Can Only Imagine

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Can you only imagine? A child as young as five years old frightened and trapped inside a swirling deep, hole of sorrow. Five months ago children, teachers, and parents were falling down this fateful hole of sorrow. They didn't know if their child would make it out of school alive. Sandy Hook has proven to be one of the most sorrowful tragedies in American history and has opened a new debate over school safety in America.

Ryan was five years old and a 1st grader at Sandy Hook Elementary. The sun shone, and Christmas was just around the corner. As Ryan walked into school, he greeted his teachers like he did every day.

"Turn your books to page thirty-one." His teacher exclaimed. It was now 9:00, and an ordinary day was about to turn dreadful.

Ryan froze when the principal came on the intercom.

"Please take shelter immediately!" The principal exclaimed. Ryan started to feel a chill run down his back. Ryan's classmates began asking questions.

"Get in the corner quickly!" his teacher murmured. Ryan heard gunshots in the room next door.

"Everyone in the closet!" his teacher quietly murmured once more. Everyone climbed into the closet frantically in silence. Ryan could not hold back his fear. A tear ran down his face like dew drops. He could hear someone enter the room. Everything became still. His greatest fears were becoming reality.

"Where are the kids?" the man yelled.

"They are in gym class." His teacher replied shaking. Ryan heard a gunshot and an overwhelming fear engulfed him. As more gunshots were heard, the children remained in that closet for hours.

Events like this are becoming more common; schools are ramping up security to protect children. Education must work to improve safety in schools to protect our children.