

FOLLOWING RULES | TOUGH TOPIC

In connection with the following Bible Story:

JESUS HEALS ON THE SABBATH - Matthew 12:1-14

While kids may not admit they like rules, most recognize they are necessary and get offended when others break the rules. You might have some stringent rule followers in your family, and you may also have kids who want to test every boundary. In the story “Jesus Heals on the Sabbath,” the Pharisees were angry that Jesus didn’t follow a rule they created. Help your kids understand Jesus wasn’t defying authority. He was the authority on how to be right with God. Help your kids understand that following rules honours God but can’t make us right with Him. Only Jesus can do that!

HERE'S HOW YOU CAN DISCUSS THIS TOPIC WITH YOUR KIDS ...

Ask: Do you feel like rules are important? Why or why not?

Ask: Is it important for people to follow rules? Why or why not?

Ask: What do you think God has to say about that?

Say: Everywhere we go in life, there are rules. From the classroom to the sports field, there are rules to help people know what to do. Rules are good boundaries that protect people. Romans 13:1 says: *“All of you must obey those who rule over you. There are no authorities except the ones God has chosen. Those who now rule have been chosen by God.”* In other words, it is right to obey our teachers, parents, coaches, and other authority figures. However, sometimes people think that following the rules will make God love them more. While God wants us to make wise choices and honour those who are in charge, He loves us even when we break the rules. He offers His grace and forgiveness through Jesus.