



SERIES: VERSUS FOR KIDS

# Don't Be a Jerk

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*Props: Put the words "Bible," "Jesus Rulebook," "Freedom" and "Don't be a Jesus jerk" in varying sizes and styles of talk bubbles.*

## Slide: Welcome

*(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

## Slide: Series Intro

We're starting a new series! Today, we're talking about how to treat people who think differently than we do about life. As Christians, we see life through God's eyes. We understand that God is in charge and we should do things his way. But some of our neighbors and friends at school may not know God. They've never been to church and have never read the Bible. So they see life a different way and probably do things that you know the Bible says not to do. How do you think God wants us to treat people who don't know him yet? (allow kids to answer) Those are some good thoughts. In this lesson, we'll learn what NOT to do.

We'll talk more about this in a few minutes, but first, let's stand and sing.

## Song

*We Won't Be Quiet*

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

## Slide: Big Idea

*All together:*

Don't be a Jesus jerk. *(Repeat)*

## Video

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Christian kids play by the Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ . (rulebook)

- Who doesn't know the Jesus rulebook? (non-Christians)
- True or False: Jesus jerks are super nice to everyone. (F)

Great job you guys! Another name for the Jesus rulebook is the Bible and the rules found in the Bible help us to win at life. The Bible tells us what is right and wrong, how to love others, and how to honor God. And, our parents and teachers help us by being like referees for us. When we break a rule, they blow the whistle and give us a consequence to remind us to get back on track. But not everyone follows the Jesus rulebook and they might not even know about it!

You might have friends at school who don't know anything about the Bible or even what honors God. So, they might watch TV shows or play video games that are filled with naughty stuff that makes God sad. Or, they may use bad words that your parents have told you never to use. So, how should Christian kids respond? Should you make fun of them for being different? (allow kids to answer) No way! Should you tell them that they are bad and that you're better? (allow kids to answer) Nope, that's being what we call a Jesus jerk. And nobody likes a Jesus jerk. Why would any kid want to get to know Jesus if the people who already know him are mean?

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and read it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"Do to others (hands out) whatever you (point out) would like them (point over shoulder) to do to you (point out)." Matthew 7:12 (Repeat)

Does anyone know the rule that this verse is talking about? (allow kids to answer) Right, the Golden Rule! This verse is telling us to treat others the way we like to be treated. It means that we should be patient and kind and that we shouldn't make people feel bad for not knowing the Jesus rulebook. Think about it. Who would you rather be friends with- a jerk or a nice person? Right, we like to be around nice people. So, don't be a Jesus jerk to your friends. Be nice to them and treat them the way Jesus would treat them.

Now let's stand together and sing one last song to God.

### **Song**

*Lean on Me*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

Don't be a Jesus jerk. (Repeat)

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

*Pray and dismiss.*