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SERIES: VERSUS FOR KIDS

## Rules Are Good

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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 continuing in our series called Versus. Last week, we learned how we should treat people who think differently than we do about life. As Christians, what rulebook do we follow? (allow kids to answer) Right, the Jesus rulebook! What's another name for the Jesus rulebook? (allow kids to answer) You got it- the Bible! The Bible tells us how to live to honor God. But some of our friends and neighbors might know anything about the Bible so they might do some things that we know the Bible says is wrong. Should we make fun of them for that? (allow kids to answer) No way, that would be what we call a Jesus jerk, and we definitely don't want to be that!

Today we're going to talk about your favorite thing: Rules! Okay, so maybe you wouldn't say you love them but we all have rules to follow. We have rules at school, at home, and in sports. You may not think you like them or need them but rules are actually good for us.

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:*

Rules help us to live a good life. *(Repeat)*

**Video**

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

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

- Where are fish free to swim? (water)
- Fish aren't free to swim on the \_\_\_\_\_. (sidewalk)
- True or False: God's rules for us are found in the Bible. (T)

Has anyone ever had a pet fish like Fred? Fred is having fun when he's in the water, but when you take Fred out of his nice little bowl of water, he is not having fun. In fact, he's having a hard time staying alive! In his bowl, Fred can swim anywhere: through the little pirate ship, around all the mini statues, and even right to the top of the water. So why can fish swim anywhere in the water, but not outside of it? (allow kids to answer) Right, because God created them to live in the water! Fred can't just change the rules and jump out of the water and start swimming around on the sidewalk! That's not how God designed fish to work.

God has also created rules for Christians, just like he does for fish. Do you know where we can find those rules? (allow kids to answer) Right, in the Bible! If we follow God's rules, we are free to live within those boundaries, just like a fish is free to swim in water. But when we break those rules, we put ourselves in danger, like a fish on the sidewalk!

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

## Slide: Memory Verse

"If you love (hands over heart) me, obey (salute) my commandments (hands holding book)."  
Matthew 14:15 (Repeat)

You guys are awesome! This verse is telling us why we should follow God's rules: Because we love him! But that's not the only reason. We also do it because his rules keep us safe from danger and let us live a good life, just like Fred the fish in his fishbowl!

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

## Song

*Sing Sing*

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

## Slide: Big Idea

Rules help us to live a good life. (Repeat)

## Slide: Let's Pray

*Pray and dismiss.*