

KIDS ACTIVITIES

Sunday 1st November

Do as he says



READ

Then Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his followers. Jesus said, “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees have the authority to tell you what the law of Moses says.

So you should obey and follow whatever they tell you. But their lives are not good examples for you to follow.

They tell you to do things, but they don't do the things themselves. They make strict rules and try to force people to obey them. But they themselves will not try to follow any of those rules. “The reason they do good things is so other people will see them. They make the boxes of Scriptures that they wear bigger and bigger. And they make their special prayer clothes very long so that people will notice them. Those Pharisees and teachers of the law love to have the most important seats at the feasts. And they love to have the most important seats in the synagogues. They love people to show respect to them in the marketplaces. And they love to have people call them ‘Teacher.’ “But you must not be called ‘Teacher.’ You are all brothers and sisters together. You have only one Teacher.

And don't call any person on earth ‘Father.’ You have one Father. He is in heaven. And you should not be called ‘Master.’ You have only one Master, the Christ. He who serves you as a servant is the greatest among you. Whoever makes himself great will be made humble. Whoever makes himself humble will be made great.

Matthew 23:1-12(ICB)



Rules would be a lot easier to follow if they were easy, but they aren't always like that. Jesus talks a lot about this in the New Testament. Back when He was on earth, they didn't have the New Testament yet, but they did have the Old Testament. And do you know what the Old Testament is full of. Rules. We normally just think about the 10 Commandments when we think of the rules of the Old Testament. Rules like, "Do not murder." It's short, easy to understand, and easy to remember, isn't it? But did you know there are even more rules than just those 10? There are 603 MORE rules than just the 10 Commandments, and a total of 613 rules! There were so many rules, and many of them were very confusing. The Jewish people needed someone to help them understand and remember it all, so they had teachers called Pharisees. The Pharisees knew the rules, but that doesn't mean they followed them. They would often tell the Jews to do one thing while doing the exact opposite. But Jesus warned them not to do this anymore. It doesn't make something right just because the Pharisees are doing it.

You know what? Sometimes we are just like those Pharisees. The Bible says to forgive, but sometimes we hold a grudge. We make those mistakes because we are human, just like the Pharisees, and as humans we sin, even when we don't want to. Everyone makes mistakes, even your parents, your teachers, and your best friends. But we need to remember that instead of just doing what we see other people do, we need to listen to God and do what He says is right. We will still make some of those mistakes, but we will be doing what God says WAY more often.



Pray

Dear God,
Thank you for loving and caring about us,
Please help us to do what is right and to listen to you
more.
In Jesus name
Amen!

FOLLOW JESUS!

