

## Dear Families:

This Sunday, we talked about rules. There are rules everywhere you look: at home, in school, on the bus, in the community, and even in the Bible. Perhaps the most famous rules of all are the Ten Commandments. They are God's rules for living a life FOR Him, not just with Him.

Jesus was well-aware of these commandments. So were the chief priests and Jewish leaders of the time. When Jesus was in the synagogue on the Sabbath, he saw a man with a deformed hand. To prove a point, Jesus healed the man even though the rules said that no work of any kind was to be done on the Sabbath. This angered the Jewish leaders, but it is a clear message to us. People should not be so wrapped up in following rules that we forget about the WHY of the rule. The Jewish leaders were following the rules to show men how great they were, not for God's glory. This made the rule meaningless in God's eyes. Jesus healed the man for God's glory, which made it marvelous in God's eyes. If you ever feel conflicted on a rule, just examine the conflict to make sure that God's will be done.

Next week is our Youth Sunday program! The kids have been working hard to prepare for worship next week. We will hand out awards and prizes, perform some songs, prepare a treat for the luncheon to follow, and take a main role in leading worship service. We hope you will join us for this special day.

Youth Sunday will be the final session for the 2023-2024 Sunday School year. We hope to see you again when Sunday School resumes in September. Have an enjoyable and safe summer! We will see you in church!

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