

Short Talk

(SHT020)

God's rules

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SHORT TALK: “GOD’S RULES” (SHT020)

Aim of Short talk:	To teach that God has given us His rules because He loves us, and that if we obey them we will find freedom.
Main themes:	The Ten Commandments, freedom
Biblical references:	Exodus 20:1-17, James 1:25, Galatians 5:13-14, 2Corinthians 3:17, Matthew 22:37-39
Props:	Large picture of a set of traffic lights, a copy of the “Highway code”

How many children know what this is? *(Show picture of the traffic lights)*

- Yes it is a set of traffic lights.
- If the red light is showing on the lights what does that mean? STOP
- How about if the red and amber lights are showing, what does that mean? STOP
- And what does the green light mean? GO

How do you know this? *(Wait for responses)*

- We know what the colours of the traffic lights mean because the Department for Transport has put out a very essential book for road-users called “The highway code.” *(Wave around the “Highway Code”)*

Now I want you to imagine that a person called Fred thinks to himself:

- *“Why should I keep that rule?”*
- *I think the red light should mean GO, and the green light should mean STOP.*
- *I want to be free to do what I want”*

Fred then gets into his car and when he gets to a red traffic light he doesn’t stop but goes through it,

- and when he gets to a green traffic light he stops.
- Now what do you think will happen to Fred if he does this? *(Wait for responses)*

Going through a red traffic light could involve Fred in a car accident.

- He could end up smashing up his car and other people’s cars,
- and he might even kill someone else.
- It wouldn’t be long before the police arrested him for dangerous driving.
- That doesn’t sound very free to me. Does it to you?

Stopping at a green traffic light could annoy the drivers behind Fred and before long they could be sounding their horns angrily at him.

- A passing police car might stop and charge Fred with driving without due care and attention.
- That doesn’t sound very free to me. Does it to you?

Rules on the road are essential for our safety and for other people's safety,

- and if we keep those rules we can travel freely,
- but if we choose to break the rules, we can end up in court and possibly even in prison.

All through our lives we will come across various rules.

- We will probably have rules at school and at college.
- Most of these rules are meant to keep us safe from harm.
- Others are there to help us in our relationships with others.

If we choose to keep the rules we can be free to enjoy our time in school or college or wherever we are,

- but if we choose to break the rules, we might end up having detentions,
- or other punishments, that take away our freedom.

God also has rules.....

- they are called the Ten Commandments,
- and they can be shortened down to two simple commands:
- Love God with everything within you and Love your neighbour as yourself.

God has given us these rules because He loves us and wants the best for us.

- Can you imagine what your school would be like if everyone loved God and each other?
- Can you imagine what our country would be like if everyone loved God and each other?

If we keep God's rules of love, we will find freedom in our lives.....

- but if we choose to break His rules and do what we want, like Fred did,
- our lives can get into a total mess.

So this morning.....let's ask the Holy Spirit to help each one of us keep God's Commandments,

- of loving Him and loving our neighbour,
- so that we can enjoy the freedom that comes from obeying Him.