

**Aim:** Looking at different types of consequences; sometimes there are natural consequences to our actions, but sometimes parents or teachers say what the consequences or punishment will be.

**What happens when you break the rules at home or at school?**

**Imagine you could change what happens when certain rules are broken at school or at home, what do you think the punishment should be? Why?**

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Earlier this term we talked about how rules and laws are designed to keep everyone safe and happy. We also learned that children need to experience consequences so that they learn to take responsibility for their own mistakes; children who don't have consequences, will always expect someone else to fix their problems – even after they become adults.

**Since rules are designed to keep everyone safe and happy; breaking rules must make people unsafe or unhappy. Can you think of some examples?** (eg. Someone in an out of bounds area might be hurt or even killed. If a child rips the work of another child, the second child will be unhappy. etc)

**Can you think of any rules that don't seem to keep people safe or happy?**

- Sometimes rules are designed to help us develop good habits; for example, rules about eating your vegetables, so you will be healthier later in life. **Can you think of any other examples?**
  - Sometimes rules are designed to make life easier for other people; for example, doing chores to help your parents – although doing chores, also helps create good habits for when you are an adult. **Can you think of any other examples?**
  - Sometimes rules are like a test, to show that you can be trusted; for example, you might be told to "Come now", although if you didn't come straight away it wouldn't really matter this time – but when you come you show that you will obey. Next time the consequences for not coming might mean you are in danger, or it might make your parent late for something, which could be very inconvenient and it will make them sad.
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God has rules too, and if everyone followed God's rules then people wouldn't do mean or bad things, and everyone would be a lot happier. God's rules are called the Ten Commandments, and later this year we will learn more about them but they can be summarised by Luke 10:27.

**Read Luke 10:27** (Love the Lord you God...)

And one other verse that can help us remember how to treat other people is Luke 6:31.

**Read Luke 6:31** (Do unto others...)