

Rules

Breaking rules only hurts you.

The grace of God...teaches us to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives. Titus 2:11-12

Breaking the Rules

There were many rules in the house that Bobby lived in. One of the big ones was that no one was allowed to play with the computer or printer unless Mommy or Daddy said it was all right.

Bobby loved to use the printer because Mommy would make up pictures for him on the computer. He would then print them off and color them.

One day, when Mommy was busy with something else, Bobby decided that he wanted to make some pretty pictures with the printer. He knew that he wasn't supposed to touch it without permission, but he just couldn't wait.

Bobby quietly tiptoed over to the printer and tried to open up the front of it to put the paper in. Bobby pulled on the door, but it wouldn't open. He pulled again, but still it wouldn't open. When he pulled the third time, Bobby finally got the door to move, but as he pulled, it broke right off into his hands. Bobby was scared. As Bobby turned to run and hide, he saw his mommy come walking up behind him. He was in big, big trouble.

Parents make rules for children to follow because it keeps them safe and happy. Bobby broke the house rule by playing with the printer without Mommy or Daddy's permission. The printer was broken because of it. It was a long time before Bobby was able to print pretty pictures again. In the same way, Jesus has set rules for our lives. If we break those rules, our lives won't be as healthy and happy.

Your Turn:

1. What was the house rule at Bobby's house?
2. Why did Bobby break the rule?
3. Can you think of a time when you broke a rule? What happened because of it?

Prayer

Jesus, I know You gave us rules to help us live healthy and happy lives. Please help me to follow the rules that you and my parents have set for me, Amen.