Who Made The Rules? Sun AM KZ Lesson 1/23/22

# Memory Verse: Matthew 22:37 NKJV

# 37Jesus said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’

Target Thought: God wants us to love and obey Him.

Do you enjoy playing games? I do. I especially enjoy getting together with a group of family or friends and playing games. One of the games I enjoy is called Go Fish. It is very easy to play, but like most games, before you play, you must read the rules so that you will know how to play the game.

Who makes up the rules for a game? The person who makes up the game makes the rules, don't they? The one who created the game, makes rules for the enjoyment of all who play the game. If someone doesn't follow those rules, it takes away from the enjoyment of the game, doesn't it? If someone doesn’t play the rules it makes the game impossible to play. Have you ever played a game with someone who won't follow the rules? Do you always follow the rules?

Who originally made rules? That’s right God did. Why did God make rules? God made rules because He knew that we did not know everything and we needed to have guide lines to follow to help us to make good choices. Let’s talk about good choices and bad choices and consequences. What happens to us if we know the rules and don’t follow them? Bad consequences right?

The reason there are rules that we must follow in life is to give us a good life. Look, I have the rulebook right here. The Bible is the rulebook we must follow in life. Who wrote the rules in the Bible? God did. God created life and He wrote the rules. Just as the creator of a game makes rules to ensure the enjoyment of all who play his game, God wrote these rules so that all who live life might enjoy it the way he intended for them to enjoy it.

One day Jesus went into the temple and started teaching. The Bible tells us that the people who heard him were amazed at his teaching. He didn't sound like their regular teachers. He didn't sound like someone who knew about the rules, he sounded like someone who had written the rules. Well, guess what? He did write the rules! Jesus was God -- in human form -- who came to earth to teach us how to live.

God made the rules and He showed us how to follow the rules. Now He wants us to follow the rules so that we will enjoy life the way He intended it to be. Remember God has good plans for us, plans to prosper us and give us a future and a hope. God knew that the devil has evil plans for us and would always try to trick us in to disobeying God, making bad choices, and having bad consequences. God wants us to have a good life and enjoy life and be able to know right from wrong and enjoy good consequences and have an easy time knowing good from bad, that is why we have rules to guide us and to teach us.

Let’s talk about some rules that God has given us and it is important to follow them, for example “obey your parents”, follow the law of the land, obey your teachers and elders, answer when someone ask you a ?.....

Dear Father, Thank you for giving us rules and teaching us how to obey them and have a good life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

1. Who originally made the rules?
2. What happens if we know the rules and don’t follow them?
3. Why are there rules in life we must follow?