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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Leader Tip: Dress up like a teacher and come up with some silly rules the kids have to follow. For example, everyone has to sit facing the back wall or keep your eyes closed the whole time.

Before we jump into our lesson this week, if you were in charge of your kids church class today, what rules would you put in place? (allow kids to answer). Some of those sound like a good idea and others sound silly. (If you used the Leader Tip, ask the kids if any of those rules would help them to learn?) Rules are great when they have a real purpose.

Well in today's lesson, we are going to learn about a time Jesus broke a rule but he had a good reason for it.

But, before we get into that, let's stand and sing.

Song

Song #1

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: Jesus cares more about people than rules. (Repeat)

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Where was Jesus teaching and on what day? (Synagogue/Sabbath)
- Why did the religious leader get mad at Jesus? (healed a woman on the Sabbath)
- True or False: God's rules have a purpose and it's to help us. (T)

God doesn't give us silly rules like; you have to do a handstand before you can eat dinner or you have to drink 3 cups of water before you can play a video game. God's rules have always been put in place to protect us and to help us. His rules are about keeping our focus on him and about being kind to others.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"The Sabbath (hold up 7 fingers) was made to meet the needs of people (point out), and not people to meet the requirements of the Sabbath (hold up 7 fingers)." Mark 2:27 (*Repeat*)

This is Jesus talking in this verse. In our story today, Jesus chose to break a rule to prove a point. The religious leaders thought that the rules were more important than anything, including people. So, when Jesus saw a woman who was crippled for many years, he had compassion for her and chose to heal her. Now, the people rejoiced along with this woman because she was healed! What an amazing miracle! But, the religious leader got angry at Jesus and told him that he broke the rule of the Sabbath. You weren't supposed to do work on the Sabbath. The religious leader missed the whole point. God created the rule of the Sabbath to give people a day to rest and to focus on God. Jesus healed this woman so she could give her whole heart to him.

So kids, just to be clear. This lesson isn't saying you don't have to follow the rules in your home or at school. The rules your parents and teachers give you are for your protection. It works the same with God. His rules are designed to help us and protect us. They teach us how to love God and love others.

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Song #2

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

Jesus cares more about people than rules. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.