



You are nothing but show offs! The prophet Isaiah was right when he wrote that God had said,

“All of you praise me with your words, but you never really think about me. It is useless for you to worship me, when you teach rules made up by humans.”

You disobey God’s commands in order to obey what humans have taught.

Pay attention and try to understand what I mean. The food that you put into your mouth doesn’t make you unclean and unfit to worship God. The bad words that come out of your mouth are what make you unclean.

### Questions:

- What are some rules that you have to follow? (at home, at school, at church)
- Why do we have rules?
- What would happen for example if there were no road signs?
- In today’s reading, Jesus said “You disobey God’s commands in order to obey what humans have taught.” what do you think he meant by that?
- What are some rules that Jesus has taught us?
- How can we remind ourselves about those rules?

### Activity: Design a prayer road sign

**What you need:** orange/yellow card, black pens/crayons, scissors

**Preparation:** Find pictures of road sign symbols to give the children some ideas for their own signs

[NZ Transport Agency Signs](#)

**What to do:** Instruct the children to imagine that Jesus has asked them to design a road sign to remind people to pray for each other. Get them to create a sign that could be used.

**Variations:** You could give different children different types of signs to design. eg. for the ten commandments, praying for the world, for each other, praying thank you etc.

**Next week:** (Mark 7:24-37) A Woman’s Faith and Jesus heals a Deaf Man

