# **Disposition: Living by Rules**

## **Lesson:** Two

### Question/LO: What are two important rules for Christians?

| **Dimension of learning** | **Activities** | **Resources** |
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| Learning about religious traditions and non-religious world-views | Last lesson we looked at part of the Jewish law. Jesus was born a Jew. He would have been expected to keep all 613 Commandments.  Once Jewish teacher who lived before Jesus Rabbi Hillel was asked by a student to explain the Torah – while balancing on one leg. The Rabbi accepted the challenge he said “That which is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbour. This is the whole of the Torah the rest is commentary”.  Do pupils understand this? Can they phrase it more simply?  Read Matthew 22:35-40.  Jesus said that the essence of God’s law is love, love for God and love for other people.  Compare what Jesus said about the most important Commandments with what Rabbi Hillel said.  Conclude by discussing whether if someone really loves God and really loves other people the way they love themselves – are any other rules needed?  Ask pupils to write about how people might live if they loved God and loved other people. | Bible references:  Matthew 22:35-40  Matthew 22: 35-40  Bible Gateway biblegateway.com choose international children’s version |
| Learning from faith and non-religious world-views | Question: What would life be like for Jewish people and Christians if they did not have rules?  Question: I live without rules? What would life be like? | n/a |