

# Shine a light

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## The Rule of Law



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What the bible says about law.

True freedom requires the rule of law and justice, and a judicial system in which the rights of some are not secured by the denial of rights to others.  
- Jonathan Sacks

These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.  
**Deuteronomy 6:6-7**

*The rule of law is an ancient ideal first introduced by Aristotle, a Greek scholar. He believed that there should be a system of rules in order to keep a natural order to life. In England, Rule of law began sometimes around 1215 when King John of England signed the Magna Carta of 1215.*

*The Rule of Law is the law which says that government can only legally use its power in a way the government and the people agree on. It limits the powers a government has and it prevents dictatorship and protects the rights of the people. This means it is there to protect citizens against their Government - to ensure it does not treat them unfairly, or deprive certain groups of people of their rights.*

*At Church Hill, we teach our Children that it is important to have rules, to ensure fairness and safety for everyone. We encourage them to participate in establishing and setting our class rules. They know that they are expected to abide by the rules within school, and that there may be sanctions if they do not do so. Children understand the school rules, the reasons behind them, and that they are fair. We value the rule of law as we believe that this education, helps our children to acquire the knowledge, skills, values and attitudes to contribute constructively to our society.*

In order to explore the Rule of Law further, why not try some of these activities at home with your family.

Remember, every example that is sent in via parent response or your class teacher will earn you a Head Teacher's award! We look forward to seeing what you do!

*Talk to your family about house rules! What are the things that you all fall out about? Would having some agreed rules help to ease the tension? What could the consequences be if you forget the rule?*



*Create a poster of your new family rules.*

All the people and institutions in the UK are subject to an accountable to law, which is fairly applied and enforced. Any suggestions for a new law has to be brought to Parliament to be checked carefully. What new laws do you think should be passed in the UK?

State what each law is and explain who would benefit from it and why it is important.

**Think about the rules you follow. Create a poster like the one to the right!**

