

# OBEY THE AUTHORITIES

**Read:** Romans 13:1-7

**Do you know what an authority is? A person who has authority has the job of telling other people what they can or can't do. A policeman has authority over all the drivers on the road. He can tell them if they are going too fast or not driving safely. A teacher has authority over the students in her class. She gives them books to read and jobs to do. Parents have authority over their children and teach them how to be healthy and safe. Jesus has authority over everyone in the world, even teachers and policemen and parents. He has commandments that He wants us to obey. If we follow His rules, and trust in Him, we can live in Heaven with Him forever.**



**Life Application:** The Bible verses we read today tell us that God wants us to listen to those who have authority over us because God is the one who put those people there. He gave you your parents to love you and take care of you, and that is why you should obey them. And of course you should obey Jesus. He is the highest authority of all.

**Prayer:** Dear Jesus. Thank you for giving me parents and teachers to be my authorities. Help me to listen to them and obey them. Help me to follow You too. Amen.

**Memory Verse:** Be careful to obey all these words.