

Golden Rule and the Greatest Commandment

Leader: Today we are going to learn about the golden rule.

Puppet: (enters excitedly) The golden ruler? Where? I just love working with tools, but a golden ruler? Boy oh boy! I can't wait to see it. It must have cost a fortune. I wonder if my dad has a golden ruler in his tool box. Maybe that's why he never wants me to play with his tools. I wonder if he has a golden measuring tape too!

Leader: Not a golden ruler, silly. We are talking about the golden rule.

Puppet: Oh, no golden ruler? No golden measuring tape? No tools? Bummer.

Leader: Well, the golden rule is used to measure things, so I guess you could say that it is a tool.

Puppet: Really? You've got my attention.

Leader: Yes, we use the golden rule to measure or decide how we should treat others.

Puppet: I'm confused. What exactly is the golden ruler... uh... I mean rule.

Leader: The golden rule is to do unto others the way you would have them do unto you.

Puppet: Do unto others the way that I would have them do unto me?

Leader: Yes. We should always treat others the way we would like to be treated.

Puppet: That sounds like a good rule. If rules could be gold, I would think that one would be golden. The world would really be a nice place if everyone only treated other people the way they like to be treated. Most people like to be treated nice, so they would treat everyone nice. Most people like to be told the truth, so nobody would ever lie. The golden rule is a great rule!

Leader: It really is. Before we do or say something to somebody, we need to stop

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and think how we would like to be treated or talked to.

Puppet: Hey, this golden rule about treating others the way that we would like to be treated kind of reminds me of what Jesus said.

Leader: What's that puppet?

Puppet: Jesus says in Mathew 22:37, 38, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself."

Leader: That is exactly right! If you love God with all your heart, soul, and mind, then you will love your neighbor as yourself and follow the golden rule because Jesus tells us if we love Him, we will obey Him and His commandments.

Puppet: You're smart! I am telling you that you are smart because I like people to tell me that I am smart when I know something important.

Leader: Thank you puppet. You are smart too.

Puppet: I know, but it is always nice to hear. Thank you for telling me about the golden rule. Bye boys and girls!

Leader: Bye!