

Weekly Grapple Connection

Grapple Question:

Why Do My Parents Always Say No?



Kids Learn:

God's Direction to Parents: Boundaries=Love

Dig Into the Bible:

Exodus 20:1-17; Jeremiah 5:22; Ephesians 6:1-4

How often are you told no? Don't park here; don't exceed this speed; you can't have this job.

It's part of life, and none of us likes it. As parents, we often say no. It's our job. Sometimes kids rebel purely because they think we *always* say no.

The preteen years are tough because preteens see older kids doing lots of cool stuff they want to do, too, but can't. Look for ways to say yes. When the answer must be no, look for a way to get your preteen to say it with you. Ask, "What kind of parent would say yes/no?" or "If I were the one asking you for permission to do this, what would you say?" or something similar.