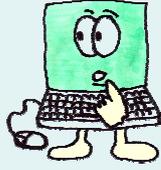


# Rules, rules, rules!

Delbert our dictionary says

**Pharisees:** a group of Jewish leaders who had very strict rules about what people should and shouldn't do. They opposed Jesus.



Lucy told the children about when she went to gymnastics as a girl. There was another girl who came along in the middle of term without the right leotard – and she smelt funny! The other girls didn't want to let her join in because they said she was breaking the rules.

Lucy's mum gave her one of Lucy's spare leotards.

## Listen to God!

**Mark 2: 13-27**  
(especially 13-17)

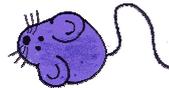


Levi (also called Matthew) was employed by the Romans to collect taxes. Nobody liked tax collectors. The Pharisees were horrified that Jesus would make friends with such people! But Jesus spent time with rich and poor, good and bad.

Everyone needs to know him and hear the good news he brings.



Jesus accepts everyone.



People sometimes go without food to spend time praying and worshipping God, but the Pharisees did it so others would see how "religious" they were. They complained about Jesus' disciples picking wheat to eat because "work" wasn't allowed on the Sabbath. They had rules about everything!

## Talk to God!



Thank you Jesus that you are more interested in people than rules. We know that some rules are important, but we know that loving and caring for others is more important.



Colour the picture. How much money do you think Levi had if each coin was worth \$10?