

BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT

A great small group experience depends on creating a safe and respectful environment. If kids misbehave, it can quickly derail what could be a powerful time of connection. As the leader, you set the tone. Step in early to address behavior before it becomes a distraction.

Our Three Rules:

1. Respect the Leader

- No talking when the leader is talking
- Obey the leader's directions

2. Respect Peers

- Keep your hands and feet to yourself
- Speak kindly and politely
- Treat others the way you'd want to be treated

3. Respect the Church

- Take care of the building and equipment
- Don't damage property
- Treat it better than your own home

Leader Tips:

- **Set expectations early** – remind your group of the rules before you begin.
- **Be consistent** – kids will test boundaries; enforce rules calmly but firmly.
- **Redirect quickly** – sometimes all it takes is moving closer to a child or calling their name gently.
- **Don't let one child dominate** – redirect them so everyone gets to engage.
- **Protect the group time** – discipline isn't punishment; it's making sure everyone can hear from God and participate fully.