The Need for Laws

PLANET LAWLESS

![Image of astronaut in space with Earth and satellite]

JUSTICE TEACHING™
Sunshine State Standards:

Grade K: Civics and Government

Standard 1 SS.K.C.1.1, SS.K.C.1.2; Standard 2 SS.K.C.2.1

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Grade 2: Civics and Government

Standard 1 SS.2.C.1.2; Standard 2 SS.2.C.3.1
Our families have rules. Our schools have rules. Why do we need rules?

What is a rule? (Write one sentence below)

Name one family rule.

Name one school rule.

Draw a picture of a family rule.

Draw a picture of a school rule.
LAWS

Laws are much like rules. Laws set limits and keep us safe. Look at the pictures below. What laws do these pictures describe? Why do we need these laws?

[Images of a child sitting in a car seat, a traffic light, two cyclists, and a speed limit sign]

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WHERE ON EARTH?

Do you think there is any place in the world that we could go that doesn’t have rules or laws? Does every country on Earth have laws?

Where could we go?
TRAVEL TO PLANET LAWLESS

Let’s find a planet in outer space! Look, I see Planet Lawless. I want to live there. We will be far away from all rules and laws.
TRAVEL TO PLANET LAWLESS

We’ve landed! Look at this place! I can’t wait to play here!

Anyone can be the ruler here!

Do as you wish!

No laws!
No rules!
No Anything!!!

SPEED LIMIT ???

DON’T STOP
Hey – wait a minute! You can’t take our toys. Those game boys belong to us!

They’re mine now! I can take them if I want to!

But wait; aren’t there laws against stealing?

There are no laws here on Planet Lawless! HAHAHA!
PLANET LAWLESS

Why don’t they obey traffic laws?  Oops!  There are no laws here.

HONK!  You’re going too slowly!

I’m not wearing a seatbelt!

CRASH

SPEED LIMIT ???

PLEASE LITTER

DON’T STOP
LET’S LEAVE THIS PLACE!

Let’s leave Planet Lawless! We want to go home. We may not always agree with all of the laws and rules on Earth, but now we see why we need them.
Wow! It sure is good to be home. In America we have rules and laws that sure make life easier and safer. In your own words, please explain: **Why do we need rules and laws?**

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Someday you might become a police officer, lawyer, or judge. These people help citizens understand and follow the laws.

What do you want to be when you grow up?

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LAWS HELP OUR WORLD

We must all learn to respect the rights of others and live together. Laws help make our earth a nice and safe place to live.

Everyone needs to understand our laws and play by the rules.
RULES AND LAWS

Most games have rules. Think of a game that you like to play. What types of rules are there for this game?

GAME: ________________________________

Rule #1:
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Rule #2:
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Rule #3:
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What might happen during this game if there were no rules?
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RULES AND LAWS

Pretend you’ve been asked to create a poster that explains how rules and laws help everyone. Discuss in a group and draw your ideas in the box provided.
In our next booklet, you will learn about the courts. What do you know about the courts?

**Write a sentence below describing the courts.**

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**Draw a picture of what you think about when you hear the word “justice”**.
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