

Lesson #2-23***What Makes You Unclean***

Mark 7:1-23

**Key Verses:**

“There is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

Mark 7:15

The Point:

God creates in us clean hearts.

Unit Theme (January 26—February 23)

The Power of the Kingdom

Rules, Rules

Talk about rules that we live by.

You will need:

- † Printed images of traffic signs
- † Optional: projection

Instructions:

1. Look online to find simple images of traffic signs to show to the students.
2. Print or prepare to project images.

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1. **How many of you are driving yet? No one? How many of you ride with your families in cars? What helps us to drive safely?** *[Rules, signs, laws.]*
2. **I have some traffic signs for you to look at today. Let's see how many of**

them you recognize. Show or project the signs for the students. Help them with ones that they do not recognize.

3. **Why are these signs important?** *[They keep people safe, they help us to know what other people are going to do when they are driving.]*
4. **Rules and laws are very important. But sometimes, rules other than traffic laws can become too important, and can get in the way of other things.** Jesus knew that some of the religious leaders were more concerned about keeping the rules and the laws than they were about sharing God's love, and Jesus challenged them on it.