

What does freedom mean? Why do people care about it so much? Is it really that important? To answer all these questions we have to understand that all people are created equal and born free.

Freedom means that we decide many things about our lives. In other words, people have freedom to rule themselves. That means people should be free in what they do, where they go, what they eat or what they speak. They should have freedom to make choices about their clothes, food, house and leaders of the country. They should be able to speak their mind if they do not like the government's decision.

Sometimes, governing agencies impose many restrictions on the way people should conduct themselves.

In history you must have read about how people have time and again fought for their rights. Sometimes they fought against foreign rulers; however, sometimes they fought against their own kings or dictators. In olden times, people were put to jail just because they spoke what they believed in. There are still some countries where it is so.

Does having freedom mean we can do whatever we feel like? No. Freedom does not mean that we can do whatever we feel like. We are free to do our things as long as they do not take away someone else's freedom or put their life at risk.

We are free to sing and shout, but should we do it in a public place? No, that will take away the freedom of others. We are free to play with toys, but should we take other's toys if they do not want to share? No, that will take away the freedom of others. We are free to drive our car, but should we ignore the stop sign? No, that puts others at risk. It is okay when there are rules because they keep your freedom and everybody else's freedom safe, but when it starts interfering with daily rights of people we say that the government is not fair.



## Our Value this half-term is ... Freedom



## Family Values

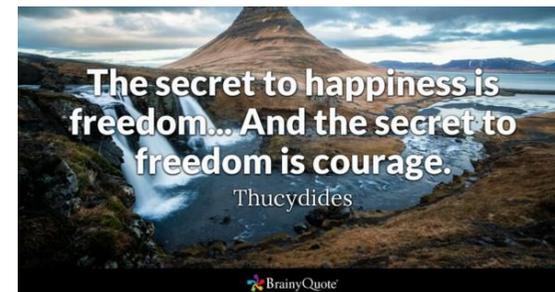
### What the Bible teaches us about Freedom...

2 Corinthians 3-17

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

John 8 31-33

"Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if you continue in my word, then are you my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."



### Family Values Task



Here are some symbols that are linked to the value of Freedom. Can you design your own symbols to show that you enjoy the freedoms of childhood.

Each design will earn 10 House Points and the best one will be used on school policies about Freedom.

Best Wishes

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