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with the numbers in the globe.  
Write the **words** from the globe on the lines.



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*Numbers 14:9*



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Rebellion is as the sin of  
witchcraft, and stubbornness is  
as iniquity and idolatry...

1 Samuel 15:23  
ABC's of the Christian Life for Youth

Let's first look at what a few words in our theme verse mean.

- ⇒ **Rebellion** is not obeying those who have authority over us (parents, teachers, police, etc.)
- ⇒ **Witchcraft** is worshipping the devil.
- ⇒ **Stubbornness** is not changing the way we think even if we are wrong.
- ⇒ **Iniquity** is another word for sin.
- ⇒ **Idolatry** is worshipping anyone other than God.

God said in the Bible that rebellion and stubbornness is just as bad as worshipping the devil and idols!

### Why does God hate rebellion?

**1. Because God set up the authority.** *Romans 13:1, "Let every soul be s\_\_\_\_\_ unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God."*

Here are some authorities God has set up:

- **His Word**, the Bible is the highest authority. *Matthew 4:4, "But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the m\_\_\_\_\_ of G\_\_\_\_\_."*
- **Kings & rulers** - *Nehemiah 9:37, "...unto the k\_\_\_\_\_ whom thou hast set over us..."*
- **Apostles or missionaries** around the world - *Ephesians 4:11*
- **Prophets or preachers** - *Ephesians 4:11*
- **P\_\_\_\_\_** of churches - *Ephesians 4:11*
- **T\_\_\_\_\_** - *Ephesians 4:11*
- **Parents** - *Ephesians 6:1, "Children, o\_\_\_\_\_ your parents in the Lord: for this is right."*
- **Higher powers** that are set up by the government to punish evil (Police, Judges, Laws and Congress ...) - *Romans 13:1-7*



Authority is still under God. *Hebrews 13:17, "...: for they watch for your s\_\_\_\_\_, as they that must give account, that they may do it with."*

**2. Because God commanded us to obey authority.** *Hebrews 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and s\_\_\_\_\_ yourselves: ..."*

### What happens when we do obey authority?

1. Authority protects us. *Hebrews 13:17, "...for they w\_\_\_\_\_ for your souls..."*
2. Authority is there to help us, not hurt us. *Romans 13:3.* Some people in the Bible obeyed authority and God blessed them:
  - Jesus** paid taxes to the Roman government.
  - Joseph** obeyed Potiphar his master in Egypt.
  - Abraham** obeyed God and moved to Canaan.

### What happens when we do not obey authority?

1. It makes God angry or v\_\_\_\_\_ - *Isaiah 63:10*
2. We destroy ourselves. Some people in the Bible rebelled and were destroyed because of rebellion:
  - P\_\_\_\_\_ - *Exodus 5:1-2*
  - K\_\_\_\_\_ - *Numbers 16:8-11 & 31-34*
  - S\_\_\_\_\_ - *I Samuel 15:1-15,23*
  - Z\_\_\_\_\_ - *II Chronicles 36:11-17*
  - A\_\_\_\_\_ - *Joshua 7:10-26*

### How do we obey authority?

1. With a h\_\_\_\_\_ spirit, accepting those over us - *Isaiah 57:15*
2. Keep ourselves close (n\_\_\_\_\_ ) to God - *Psalms 34:18*
3. Do not hang around rebellious people - *Psalms 1:1, "Blessed is the man that w\_\_\_\_\_ not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor s\_\_\_\_\_ in the way of sinners, nor s\_\_\_\_\_ in the seat of the scornful."*