

HOW TO HAVE CHILDREN WITH GREAT MANNERS

In 5 simple steps



WHAT DO YOU SAY?

We all want our children to have good manners and not to be embarrassed in public :D So usually we run around and repeat ourselves constantly reminding them what to say: say please, say thank you, what do you say..? etc We feel that we teach our kids about manners but they still forget them and you feel like you are doing something wrong. Rest assured, you are not alone. There are many parents out there who struggle with exactly the same thing. They teach their kids to say please and thank you from the moment they can say their first word, but yet still 3 years later you keep repeating the same thing over and over again. Let me give you some tips that will help you to make sure your children will shine in public and make you a proud parent without the constant nagging.



1.

PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH

Make sure that you always remember the magic words, and use them in every day conversation, even if asking your spouse to pass you something casually-remember the children are watching you and they learn from your behavior. Your example is much better than the constant reminder of what to say. It will become natural for them if they hear you say it all the time.

2. MAKE TIME TO EXPLAIN

Children are not born knowing what to say in social situations we need to teach them what is expected of them and what behavior is appropriate. It is unreasonable to go to a wedding and expect your 2 year old to know how to behave in the church and at the dinner table, so make sure you prepare them for it beforehand. Choose time when the kids are rested and not busy with other task and have a conversation when you lay down all your expectations. Its too late to explain things during the situation and those moments are always stressful as you as a parent are afraid of being embarrassed



3. Notice good manners



Always notice and give your kids feedback if they behave nice in social situations. You can say things like: "I really liked when you were so polite at dinner table" or "I really appreciate that you never interrupted me when I was talking to granny", "It made our trip so nice when you were so kind to your brother" etc. This way you show your children that you pay attention to their behavior and not only when they do something wrong.

They will be much more motivated by those little comments than by your lectures if they do something wrong

4. BE CONSISTENT

Make sure that you follow the rules and if your child does not say please - they will not get what they asked for. Once the rules are set and you are sure that your children know what good manners are and what behavior is required in a certain situation- follow through and expect them to present that behavior.



5. DON'T NAG



Once you thought your kids the proper behavior, take a step back and watch. If you constantly remind them about the magic words etc they will feel embarrassed and also they will have no need to try on their own- as you are always them to remind them anyway. Follow the first 4 steps over and over again and you will see the results. Nagging is never a good motivating practice and usually brings an opposite result