

A PARENT'S GUIDE TO RESPECT



RESPECT

- Treat others with respect. Follow the Golden Rule.
- Be tolerant of differences.
- Use good manners, not bad language.
- Be considerate of the feelings of others.
- Don't threaten, hit or hurt anyone.
- Deal peacefully with anger, insults and disagreements.

WHAT YOU CAN DO AT HOME

- During mealtime each day, have each family member name a good trait for each person at the table. For example: "Dad is a good storyteller." By focusing on what each person does well, you are appreciating their unique abilities.
- Set family goals. Have each member of the family complete the following sentence and post it where it will serve as a reminder: I will show respect for others by: _____.

PARENTS CAN PROMOTE RESPECT

- Model respect and expect your children to treat you and others in a respectful way. Make a list of ways to show respect in your home.
- Treat each youngster as equally as possible recognizing that children may have different needs. Help your family understand that you provide for their needs and that sometimes that means not everyone gets the same thing.
- Embrace diversity and cooperation with individuals that are ethnically and culturally different.
- Respect privacy unless suspicious behaviors necessitate otherwise.
- Talk to your child about the differences between "treating everyone with respect" and admiring them.

FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

The "Rule of Universality": Do only those acts which you are willing to allow to become universal standards of behavior, applicable to all people in similar situations. Ask yourself, "If everyone did it, would it be a good thing?"

TO HELP YOU TEACH THE SIX PILLARS

Focus Area: Movies

Many movies provide a rich content to have character discussions with your children. But, selecting the right movie, watching it together and discussing it is very important. One resource for parents is "Teach With Movies", a CC! partner organization. For more information, visit www.teachwithmovies.org.

"Sir, I will treat you as a gentleman,
not because you are one, but because I am one."

-Thomas Jefferson