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Manners with Family

It is **comfortable** at home. You are with the people who know you best—your family! They see you with messy hair in the mornings. They hear you sing in the shower. And sometimes they smell your stinky socks!

But you still need to have good manners with your family. You live together in the same space. You share many rooms and things with each other. Good manners show your **respect**. They also help keep everyone in your family happy.



Say It Nicely

If you want something, you need to ask for it nicely. Use **polite** words such as "Please" and "May I." Say, "Please pass the chicken" instead of "Give me the chicken." If you ask nicely, you are sure to get what you want. If you are rude, the chicken might end up in your lap!

Remember to thank your brother for his homework help. Saying "Thank you" is always a good thing. It shows that you **appreciate** your family.

Did You KNOW?

In India, children must show respect to older relatives. To do this, children bow at the feet of the relatives.

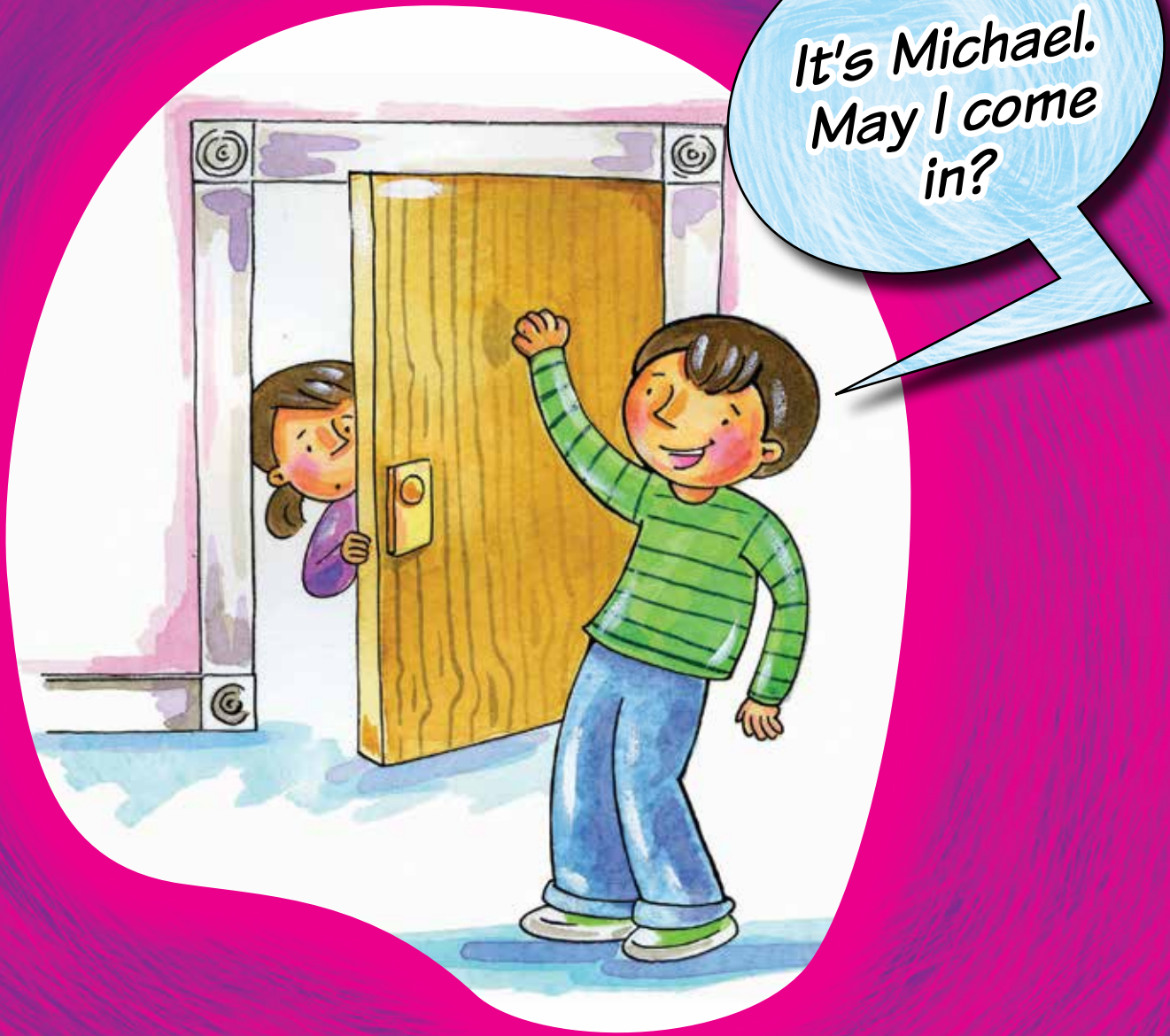


Your brother will want to help you again another day. With his help, you might even get an A+ on your math test!

Privacy, Please!

A bedroom is a **private** place. You have your own things in your room. You might not want others to see some things, like your diary. Respect the rooms of others in your family. Do not look in their dresser drawers or closets. And never take something unless you are told it is okay.

If a door is closed, knock on it before you go in. Say, "It's Michael. May I come in?" Wait until the person inside says you can enter. Then go inside. If the room is a bathroom, make sure it is empty before you open the door.


It's Michael. May I come in?

Eating Dinner

A family dinner is a time when your whole family gets together. You can talk about your day and eat a nice meal. But it is not like eating at a restaurant. You need to help out. Ask if you can help make the dinner. Do something simple. You can tear lettuce for the salad. Help set and clear the table. Ask, "May I help wash the dishes?" It is a lot of work to make a meal. Your help makes it a little easier for the cook.

After dinner, always remember to thank the cook.

Did You KNOW?

In Brazil, it is rude to leave food on your plate. In Egypt, leaving a little food on your plate is polite.



It does not matter if you did not like the brussels sprouts Mom or Dad served. They did their best to make a healthy meal for the whole family.

Borrowing Things

Make sure you ask before you **borrow** something from a family member. Say, "May I borrow your book please?" If your sister lets you borrow her book, treat it well. Use it nicely and take good care of it. Do not let the pages get ripped. Do not spill juice on the cover. Return it to her just as she gave it to you. She will let you borrow other things in the future.

Thank your sister for letting you borrow her things. Say, "Thank you! I really enjoyed the book." She will know that you have respect for her things.


Thank you!



Sharing

Everyone has to share in a family. You share your home with each other. You share food at the table. You should also share toys. Let your little sister color with your markers. Show your brother how to use your new game. They will feel great that you want to share with them. And it is more fun to play with others.

Your Chores

Each person in your family has chores to do in the house. Your dad makes dinner on Mondays. And your mom buys the groceries.

Kids have chores to do, too. Make sure to do your chores. Do not wait for mom or dad to ask. You may not feel like doing your chores on Saturday. But do them anyways. It shows respect for your parents' rules. And it shows that you care about keeping your home nice for the family.





Nice and Tidy

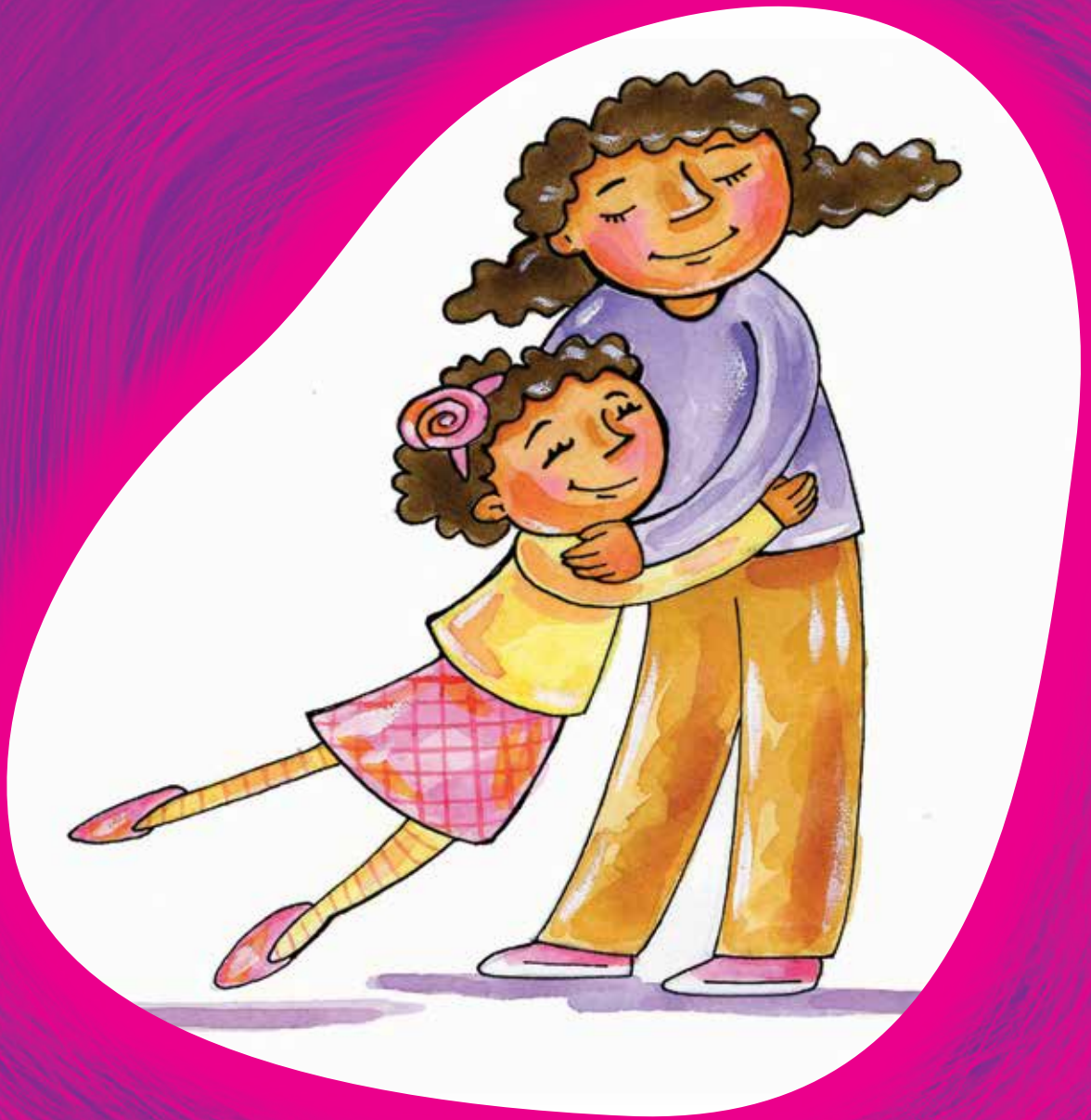
Everything has its own place in a home. Fruit goes in the fruit bowl. Laundry goes in the laundry basket. And your toys go in the toy bin. Use things when you need or want to use them. But always put them back where they belong. It keeps your home nice and **tidy**. Mom won't trip over your baseball bat. And your little sister will be able to find the comb when she needs it.

If you see a mess, clean it up right away. Wipe up the juice that spilled on the floor. Or pick up the paper that did not make it into the trash bin. Do not leave it for someone else to do.

A Bit More Polite

Treat your family well by using your good manners. Find ways to help out where you can. Respect each family member's things. Enjoy your family dinner. It is a special time of each day. And just be nice to your family! They are very important people in your life.

With good manners, your family will know that you respect your home and its rules. Your parents will see that you are thankful for all that they do. Your home will be an even happier place to be.



Quick QUIZ

Put your new family manners in action with this pop quiz! Will you choose the right rules?

After a great meal, you should:

a. hide in the garage until the dishes are done.
b. tell your mom that there are a lot of dishes in the kitchen.
c. offer to help with the dishes.
d. pretend you have a broken arm.

When you want something, just say:

a. "Hand it over!"
b. "Please pass the apple."
c. "Give me that now!"
d. "I need it pronto!"

Your sister's bedroom is a place where you should:

a. toss everything around.
b. look through every drawer.
c. read private things, like diaries.
d. stay out of unless she says you can enter.

When you borrow something, you should:

a. break it and drag it through the mud.
b. keep it just as it was given to you.
c. say that it was dumb.
d. put dinosaur stickers all over it.

After you use things, you should:

a. throw them in the garbage.
b. hide them in weird places.
c. put them back where they belong.
d. break them so no one else can use them.

When your brother wants to play with your monster truck, you should:

a. share it with him.
b. hide it under the couch.
c. say, "No way!"
d. hold it high above your head and see if your brother can reach it.



Glossary

appreciate (uh-PREE-shee-ate): To appreciate is to enjoy or value someone or something. I appreciate your help.

borrow (BOR-ow): To borrow is to use something that belongs to another person, when they let you. You can borrow my book for a while.

comfortable (KUHM-fur-tuh-buhl): If you are comfortable, you feel good in the place where you are. My home is very comfortable.

polite (puh-LITE): To be polite is to have good manners. It is polite to ask nicely for something.

private (PRYE-vit): If something is private, it belongs to one person and no one else. My diary is private.

relatives (REL-uh-tivz): Relatives are members of your family. You should show respect for your relatives.

respect (ri-SPEKT): To have respect is to care for another person's feelings or treat his or her home with care. Doing chores shows respect for your family.

tidy (TYE-dee): A tidy space is neat and in order. It is easy to find things in a tidy house.

Web Sites

Visit our Web site for links about manners with family: **childsworld.com/links**

Note to Parents, Teachers, and Librarians: We routinely verify our Web links to make sure they are safe and active sites. So encourage your readers to check them out!

Books

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Good Manners in Public
Good Manners on the Phone
Good Manners with Family
Good Table Manners

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