



As a parent, you can always do things to make sure your children grow up to be polite and thoughtful:

- Set a zero-tolerance policy. Teach children that it is never acceptable to be rude.
- **2 Find teaching opportunities.** Use incidents of rudeness as opportunities to teach good manners.
- **3** Model politeness. Lead by example, your children are always watching you.
- **Show empathy.** When children see things through the eyes of others, they're less likely to be rude.
- **Read positive stories to your kids.** Share messages about positive behavior that counteracts rudeness.

