

BOOKS FOR GOOD BEHAVIOR, MANNERS & BEING KIND

Do Unto Otters, A Book About Manners (author Laurie Keller) – Mr. Rabbit learns how to be friends with the otter family by first thinking of how he wants to be treated so he knows how to “do unto otters.” Includes simple examples of being considerate such as remembering to say “please” and “thank you.” Recommended for ages 4 & older.

Please Say Please! Penguins Guide to Manners (author Margery Cuyler) – Should a bear throw his spoon across the room when it’s time to eat? This and other questions are paired with silly illustrations that playfully help toddlers and preschoolers learn how to appropriately behave . Recommended for 2 and older.

Hands are not for Hitting (author Martine Agassi, PhD) - simple phrases and colorful illustrations demonstrate the appropriate ways hands can be used and introduces the concept of being nice to others. The back of the book also includes tips for parents and caregivers on how to redirect anger and how to intervene when a child hits. Recommended for toddlers and older.

Words are Not for Hurting (author Elizabeth Verdick) - offers young children real-life examples of how words can be used to be nice, such as saying "I love you" or hurtful such as, "You're stupid." The narrative shows how others might feel when you say hurtful things and gives children ways they can make up for it, such as saying, "I'm sorry." For caregivers, the back section of the book includes learning activities to reinforce the concepts introduced, other books in the series and resources. Recommended for toddlers through early elementary students.

Personal Space Camp (author Julia Cook) - a young boy has to attend Personal Space Camp, which he thinks means he'll learn to be an astronaut, but instead he is taught how everyone needs their own space and how it feels when someone infringes on that space. The examples used - such as comparing one child standing inside a hula hoop allows for a lot of space while four children inside it makes an unpleasant experience - can be used to show young children how to behave. Although older toddlers will understand the concepts, the narrative is a bit longer so it is better suited for preschooler and elementary students.

Being a Pig is Nice: A Child's-Eye View of Manners (author Sally Lloyd-Jones) - a comedic narrative of a child wishing she could be a pig and be as messy as she wants or a monkey and not have to use utensils. But with the good comes the bad: pigs are smelly and monkeys eat grubs. There's a twist at the end because instead of wanting to be a little girl she decides a monster is best because she can do whatever she wants. Suggested for toddlers and preschoolers to learn about proper behavior.

Excuse Me (author Lisa Kopelke) - an irreverent approach to showing children good manners. Frog loves to burp and doesn't understand why his friends and family are disgusted with his behavior until he goes to a town where all the frogs burp all the time - even when they sleep. Most important, Frog learns that even if you burp, saying "excuse me" makes all the difference. This is a cute story for toddlers and preschoolers who will like the burping sound effects while learning something.