

THIS IS THE WAY WE SHOW GOOD MANNERS

Object: To help children remember behaviors that show they have good manners.

All children have to learn good manners as part of their social development. Most children do this readily with some instruction and a few reminders, but some children have a more difficult time remembering the importance of good behavior. Rather than constantly reminding children about good manners, practicing this simple song will help them remember the importance of good manners.

Ages: 3-6

Time: 5-7 minutes

How to play:

1. Players sit in a circle.
2. Tell the children you are going to teach them a good manners song to a tune they probably already know, "This Is the Way We Wash Our Clothes."
3. Then say, "This song is called 'This is the Way We Show Good Manners.' We will end each verse with something that shows we have good manners."
4. Sing an example, such as:

"This is the way we hold the door,
hold the door, hold the door.

This Is the way we hold the door,
so early in the morning."

5. Sing the song using such phrases as:

- eat with a fork (spoon)
- use a napkin
- catch our sneeze
- say 'excuse me'
- flush the toilet, and so on.

6. Use movements to demonstrate each phrase.

