

15 WAYS TO TEACH CIVILITY TO CHILDREN

Today's world is more diverse than ever. People come from many different cultures and upbringings which can result in conflict and misunderstandings. Children, from a very young age, need to be taught how to challenge differences in a way that is respectful and productive.

Lead

by example

Think

before you act, or speak

Be Kind

always apply the golden rule and be respectful and polite to others

Apologize

when you're wrong

Disagree

with humor, intelligence and intentional understanding

Listen

with an open mind , free of emotional roadblocks like anger

Build

character with skills like respect and empathy both at home and at school

Demand

civility from politicians, celebrities and others who have influence and power

Encourage

civil behaviors by setting ground rules at home and at school

Challenge

ideas and perspectives without attacking the person

Be tolerant

of people who are different

Praise

good behavior, even if you disagree with what is being said

Take a stand

by teaching children how to prevent and stop bullying

Remind

students often why we should be civil

Teach

children how to become engaged citizens



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