



Report: Where Are My Manners?

About This Lesson:

Today was our first Manners 4 Minors lesson for 2017 and for many of the new faces, the start of a very happy journey together. In this lesson the children got to meet the puppets and they learnt all about Good Manners and The Good Manners Fairy. The purpose of this lesson was to show the children that a person with Good Manners is someone that other people like and want to be around. Using the puppets, I asked the children to decide for themselves what kind of behaviour they would like to show their parents, teachers and friends in the future. By the end of the lesson they had all figured out that Princess Penny and Caring Kurt are the well behaved puppets – and they all promised to be more like them!

Key Concepts:

- Meet The Puppets: The most important part of this lesson was to meet the puppets for the first time. By the end of the lesson the children were already identifying with Princess Penny and Caring Kurt and had figured out that Boastful Betty and Rodney Rude don't have nice manners and are not pleasant to be around. This empowers them to recognise good and bad behaviour in their actions and to make the right behavioural choices in the future.
- Where are our Manners? To start off, I explained to the children that Miss Manners does NOT like bad manners. We had a lot of fun catching up our bad manners and throwing them away. Then we looked for our good manners... we looked in our hair, our ears, even under our feet. This made us realise that our good manners are inside us – in our hearts.
- It is Impossible to forget our Good Manners: We talked about how our heart is always with us. Miss Manners made up some silly stories and we realised that, just like we can't leave our hearts at home, in our beds or in our Moms car, we can never ever forget our Good Manners. Our Good Manners are always inside us in our hearts and we can always take them out and use them (especially in shops and restaurants and when visiting friends).
- How do Good Manners make us feel: It is essential that children identify Good Manners with feeling good and Bad Manners with feeling bad or sad or unhappy. This helps them to make the correct behaviour choices in the future. Today we learnt a new song that will soon become a firm favourite (to the tune of Ring-a-ring-a Rosies).

*Where are my Manners? I must remember Manners
No Thank you, No Please... we all feel SAD
Where are my Manners? I must take out my Manners
May I please, and Thank You... we all feel GLAD!*

Parent Tips:

- In the week ahead, when you would like to encourage better behaviour, try the following lines "Are you being a Princess Penny?" or "How would Caring Kurt behave" or "Are you being a Rodney rude?" - You may be surprised how a simple comparison inspires your child to want to change his/her behaviour and make the right decision! I would love to have feedback from you and hear if Princess Penny is doing her job!

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This week we learnt that GOOD are THUMBS UP and make people feel happy – here are all their thumbs UP happy faces!!



And BAD Manners make people feel SAD – here are all the THUMBS DOWN sad faces... we don't want to make people feel sad!



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