

Discuss It: Manners Magic

Manners are a way of behaving toward other people. When someone has good manners, they are kind to others. Because people like to be treated kindly, good manners can magically make your life nicer. Bad manners can make your life more difficult because people get mad when they are treated unkindly. You can choose whether you want to have manners magic or manners madness. To learn how to have manners magic, practice using the **Manners Magic** words below. Then discuss with your mom some of the different manners you may need to practice. To work on table manners with your whole family, download the *Pass the Piggy* game at imom.com/tools.

Manners Magic words:

1. May I please....
 2. Thank you.... You're welcome
 3. I'm sorry.... Excuse me
 4. My name is _____; what's yours? Nice to meet you.
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For Moms:

1. Share a time this week when you saw your child using really good manners.

For Kids:

1. When do you most often forget Manners Magic words and create Manners Madness?
2. What manners are the hardest for you to remember?
 - a. **Table manners**
 - Chew with your mouth closed
 - Keep your elbows off the table
 - Put your napkin in your lap
 - Wait to eat until everyone is served
 - b. **Classroom manners**
 - Raise your hand to speak
 - Take turns
 - Line up without pushing
 - Share
 - c. **Social manners**
 - Introduce yourself to new people
 - Greet people with a smile
 - Listen rather than talking all the time
 - Say "excuse me" if you make a rude noise

