

WEEK 9 **Becoming Ladies and Gentlemen**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

For Your Heart

Teaching common courtesies was once part of a child’s upbringing and helped maintain a certain level of order and civility in our society. Without these common courtesies, incivility has become the norm of our culture. We must begin to teach our children basic courtesies because:

- A girl who respects others becomes a lady who respects herself.
- A boy with a kind heart becomes a man with a good heart.
- Habits children develop in childhood help shape who they become as adults and therefore, who we become as a society.

For the Heart of Your Child

Encourage your child that gentlemen are helpful to ladies both old and young. Boys can practice:

- Pulling chairs to seat girls and women
- Helping carry things when others’ hands are full
- Opening doors for girls and women

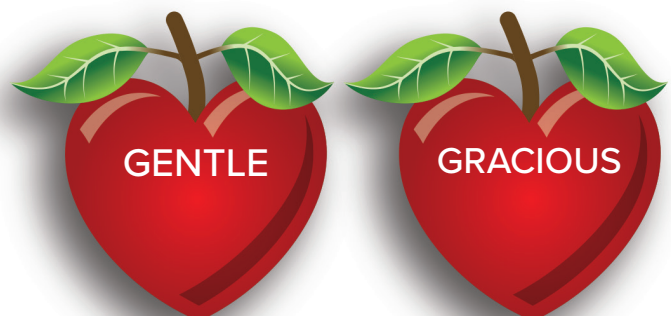
Girls can practice being ladies by responding with a polite “Thank you” when a boy offers to open a door or pull out a chair for them. They can, in turn, offer to help others (e.g., by carrying items for those with their hands full or by opening the door for someone).

Young children will need opportunities and reminders to practice these actions.

From our hearts to yours,



PS Don’t forget to ask what GENTLE and GRACIOUS mean.



GENTLE—Speaking and acting with tenderness

GRACIOUS—Being polite, understanding and generous in all situations