

Raising Children the Islamic Way

Session Four

Dealing with Rudeness and Negative language

What are some signs that your child is becoming rude?

Where does rudeness come from?



From the Qur'an

وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا

And speak kindly to people

Al-Baqarah, verse 83

Rudeness: Different ways of saying things

May I have some apple juice please

or

Where's my apple juice?

I don't like this rice very much. Can I have something else instead?

Or

I hate this rice. I'm not going to eat it!

Signs of Rudeness

- Demands things
- Does not excuse him/herself
- Interrupts
- Does not show consideration for others
- Breaks Rules
- Does not wait for his turn

<http://everydaylife.globalpost.com/ten-signs-child-rude-26687.html>

Why are children rude?

- 1) **Selfishness.** Children may be spoiled and have a tendency to think only of themselves. They need to be put in situations where they have to think of others.
- 2) **Low self esteem.** Not feeling good about yourself can make you want to take out the frustration on others.
- 3) **Lack of self control.** Anger, fear, and other such negative emotions overwhelm them.
- 4) **Injustice.** Children may feel they are unfairly treated.
- 5) **Learned behavior** from others.

Resolving the problem of rudeness

- 1) Show the child it is serious, unacceptable.
- 2) Make the child aware of how others feel when they are rude.
- 3) Teach alternatives.
- 4) Discipline instead of punishing.
- 5) Acknowledge and focus on positive behavior.
- 6) Model good language
- 7) Be consistent.
- 8) Read stories that model positive language.

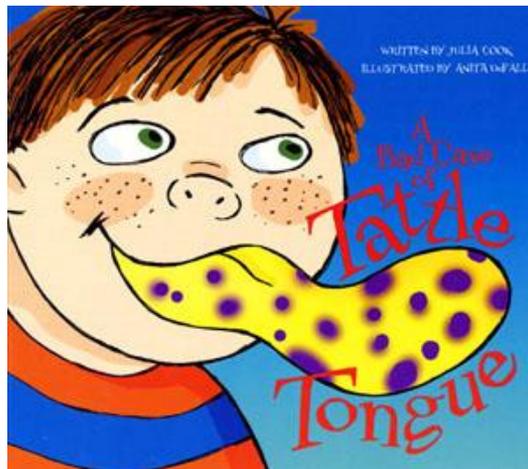
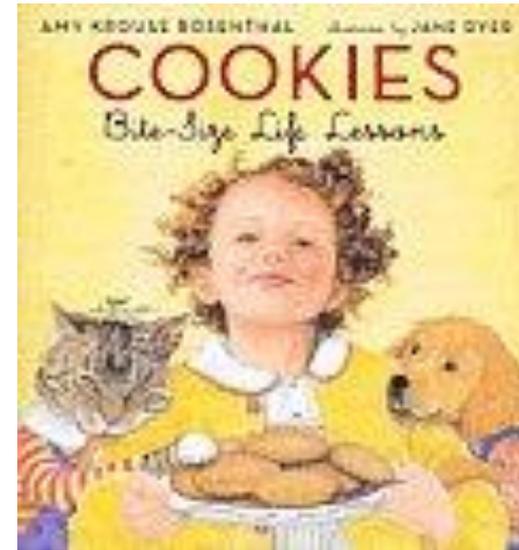
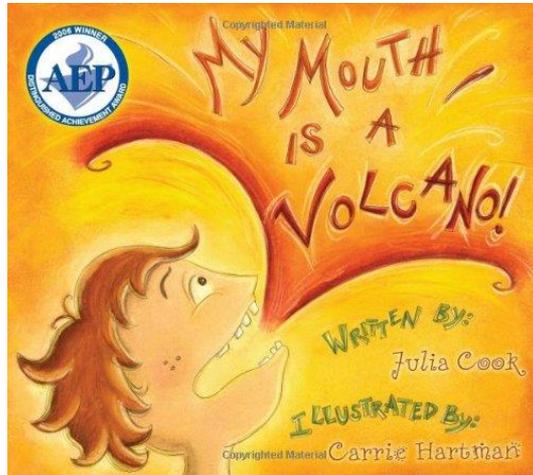
Teach children alternatives

- 1) Calm down, take a deep breath, relax, don't say anything at that time
- 2) Communicate your feelings.
- 3) Think of the other person.
- 4) Take time out to be alone

More points on dealing with rudeness

- Be consistent on not allowing rudeness in the house.
- Do not nag and give long lectures about rudeness.
- Keep a list of consequences handy
- Praise politeness and good manners.
- Show children examples, in person or from books, films . . .
- Reward politeness
- Expose children to social situations which encourage thinking of others.

Good Books for children



<http://childrensbooksguide.com/manners>

Prophetic Reminders

Minimize sexual curiosity from a young age;

- 1) Teach children to knock on the parents room door before entering.
- 2) When washing children do not do so in front of other children, especially of the opposite gender.
- 3) Do not leave young children alone in privacy for a long time.
- 4) A na mahram should not seat a 6 year old girl on his lap.
- 5) Teach modesty in clothing from a young age, especially in covering the private parts.