



# Courtesy



# Prayer

O Lord! Make this youth radiant, and confer Thy bounty upon this poor creature. Bestow upon him knowledge, grant him added strength at the break of every morn and guard him within the shelter of Thy protection so that he may be freed from error, may devote himself to the service of Thy Cause, may guide the wayward, lead the hapless, free the captives and awaken the heedless, that all may be blessed with Thy remembrance and praise. Thou art the Mighty and the Powerful.

('Abdu'l-Bahá, Baha'i Prayers, p. 36)

# Quotation

...observe courtesy, for above all else  
it is the prince of virtues.

(Baha'u'llah, Tablets of Baha'u'llah, p. 88)

# Discuss the Spiritual Quality

Courtesy is being polite and having good manners.

When we are courteous, we use words like “please”, “thank you”, “excuse me”, and “you’re welcome” to show people we respect them. When we are courteous, we speak and act in a way that shows consideration for others’ feelings.

# Discuss the Spiritual Quality (cont.)

- When do you say “please” and “thank you” to someone?
- How do you feel when people use kind words and kind voices?
- What is courteous behavior when you meet someone new?

# Story



## *Booklet Page 1*

Courtesy is thinking about how our actions affect others.



## *Booklet Page 2*

Being courteous is being considerate of others and thinking about their feelings.





## *Booklet Page 3*

It is being polite to everyone, no matter what their age is or how well we know them.



## *Booklet Page 4*

When we are courteous, we use good manners by saying polite words and using kind voices.



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When we need or want something, we make a request not a demand.



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Practicing courtesy helps everyone feel loved and respected.



## **Courtesy (*Virtues In Us #21*)**

Hello how are you

Hello how are you

I'm fine, thank you

I'm fine, thank you

This is a virtue that I know

Courtesy helps me grow and grow

## Magic Words

When someone gives me something I say “thank you”  
When someone helps me out I say “thank you”

*Chorus:*

I can see it makes them happy when I say it so politely.  
Yes, courtesy means to say my magic words.

If I spill my drink at lunch I say “I’m sorry”  
If I hurt someone’s feelings I say “I’m sorry”

If I bump into someone I say “excuse me”  
If I need to interrupt I say “excuse me”

# **Activity**

*Let's all practice courtesy!*