



# Meeting

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## Manners Fun



Here are three fun activities that teach Eager Beavers about manners. Adapt the activities to meet the needs of your Eager Beavers or create your own activities.





## MEETING LENGTH

### 60-80 MINUTES

- Opening (5 minutes)
- Grandma Ellen Stories (10 minutes)
- Activities (40-60 minutes)
- Closing (5 minutes)

## Opening

Using a beaver puppet, greet each of the children by name and welcome them all to Eager Beavers. Have the children sit in a circle and recite the first part of the fourth commandment: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8).

# 5

MINUTES



Listen to a story about Ellen White.

## CHIP COMPLETED

MANNERS  
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## Grandma Ellen Stories

# 10

MINUTES

### VIRGIL'S MARBLE

Ask the children if they ever have trouble sharing. Then tell them that they are going to hear about a time when Mabel wouldn't share.

Read "Virgil's Marble" from pp. 31-39 of *Grandma Ellen and Me* (Miller, 2000). Now ask the children to repeat Matthew 7:12: "Treat others as you want to be treated." Then tell them that this is sometimes called the Golden Rule and explain why. Tell the children that being kind to others and having good manners is another way they can be a friend to Jesus. Then say that during Eager Beavers, they will be practicing their manners.

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- *Grandma Ellen and Me* by Mabel R. Miller (Pacific Press, 2000)





The following activities fulfill the requirement for My Self II, which is to complete the Manners Fun chip.

## Good Manners Sing-along

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MINUTES

### WHAT YOU DO

For this activity you'll use the tune "Here We Go 'Round The Mulberry Bush." If you don't know this song, go to the National Institutes of Health website: [kids.niehs.nih.gov](http://kids.niehs.nih.gov).

#### Verse one:

This is the way we share our marbles, share our marbles, share our marbles.

This is the way we share our marbles, each and every day.  
(While the children sing, have two children act out the action. Select different children for each verse.)

#### Additional verses:

This is the way we wait our turn.

This is the way we say thank you.

This is the way we say excuse me.

This is the way we use a napkin.

This is the way we hold the door.

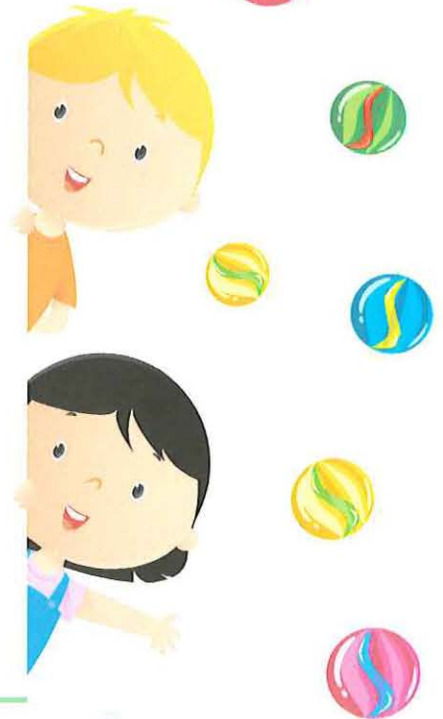
This is the way we say you're welcome.

This is the way we say please may I.

## 1 ACTIVITY

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- None





## ACTIVITY

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# Musical Mats

# 15

MINUTES

## WHAT YOU DO

### MATERIALS NEEDED

- Mats, pillows, or paper
- Music that you can start and stop

This activity is similar to musical chairs. For Musical Mats you will use mats, pillows, or pieces of paper taped to the floor for the children to sit on. Place the mats in two rows so the children sit back to back.

Remind the children that sharing is a great way to have good manners, and this game is all about sharing. At the beginning of the game, each child should have a mat. When the music begins, have the children march around the mats. While they are marching, remove one mat. Then stop the music. The twist to this game is that the child left without a mat isn't removed from the game. Instead, one of the other children should share a mat. Continue until there is only one mat left and a large pile of kids!

Depending on how much time this takes, you can play it more than once.

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If you have a large club, you'll want to divide the children into groups of about 10 and have an adult supervising each group.

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# Friendliness Sing-along

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MINUTES

## WHAT YOU DO

This song is sung to the tune of “If You’re Happy and You Know It.” If you don’t know this song, you can hear it on the National Institutes of Health website: [kids.niehs.nih.gov](http://kids.niehs.nih.gov).

For each verse, include an action or spoken line. Sing the song twice.

### Verse one:

If you’re friendly and you know it, say hello. (*speak: hello*)  
If you’re friendly and you know it, say hello. (*speak: hello*)  
If you’re friendly and you know it, then your life will surely show it.  
If you’re friendly and you know it, say hello. (*speak: hello*)

### Additional verses:

If you’re friendly and you know it, give a wave. (*wave*)  
If you’re friendly and you know it, make a smile. (*smile*)  
If you’re friendly and you know it, shake a hand. (*shake hands*)  
If you’re friendly and you know it, say hi friend. (*speak: hi friend*)



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ACTIVITY

## MATERIALS NEEDED

- None





# Closing

5  
MINUTES



Gather the children into a circle and ask them a specific question about what they learned during Eager Beavers. Say a prayer and then ask for an Eager Beaver to volunteer to pray for the group. Rejoin the rest of the Adventurers for the closing program.



**Chip:** Manners Fun



**Requirement:** My Self II