

# WEEK 9 **Becoming Ladies and Gentlemen**



Dear Parent/Guardian,

## **For Your Heart**

Teaching common courtesies was, at one time, 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**

This week, your child is learning how to act like a lady or gentleman by caring for the feelings of others. At home, you can remind your child of the following:

- To use respectful language with others at all times
- To show respect for adults
- Girls should allow boys to treat them like ladies
- Boys become gentlemen when they treat a lady like a lady

Watching television together is a great opportunity for discussion about right and wrong behavior. The honoring of others is often represented negatively on television!

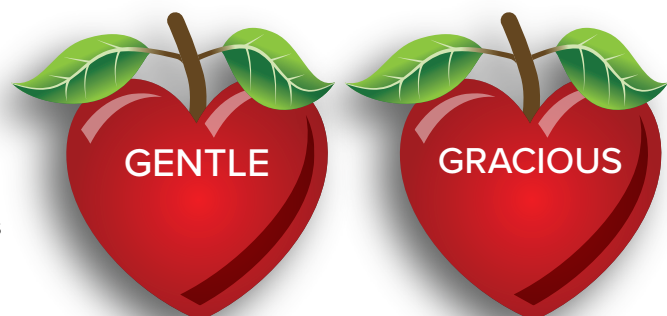
Look for moments that allow your child to see you **choose** to be gentle and gracious rather than harsh!

Why is this so important now? Manners instilled in the early years, become morals in the teen years.

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