

Playgroup Lesson: Courtesy

Aim: To practice simple courteous expressions.

1. Prayers: Practice "O God My God" together as a group.

2. Song:

Thank You Tune: If You're Happy and You Know It (Source: Childfun family website)

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3. Quotation: For children who have developed some language to memorise. Use a torch/torches and take turns focusing light on each child and saying the quotation together as a group. Each child can be encouraged to say "Thank you" when the light has been pointed to them. Explain meanings of blessed, illumined, and courtesy in a manner appropriate to the age group.

"Blessed is he who is illumined with the light of courtesy...."

Baha'u'llah

4. Story: Read storybook "Courtesy". Use the book as you read.

5. Colouring/worksheets: For each of the lessons on courtesy, give some of the pages of the storybook each lesson for the children to colour.

That is:

1. Bees/birds ("Please"/"Thank you")
2. Dog ("Hello"/"Good-bye")
3. Cats/Fire engine ("I'm Sorry"/"Excuse me")
4. People and Title page – to decorate/colour

On the last lesson join the pages together so that each child has a book to take home.

6. Activities: The purpose of these play activities is to encourage practice of courtesy.

1: Tea party. Set up tea set, table/picnic blanket, finger food, dolls/teddies.

Encourage children to serve tea to each other and to adults. Role model and encourage children to say "Please" and "Thank you".

2: Play-dough bakery/grocery shop. Set up bakery and/or shop. Act out shopping with emphasis on role modeling and encouraging children to say "Hello", "Good bye", "Please" and "Thank-you".

3: Cars, trucks and trains. Set up an obstacle course/path/track for the children to push cars/trucks/trains around in. Encourage and role model queuing, turn taking, overtaking and saying "excuse me" and saying "I'm sorry" if there are any crashes.

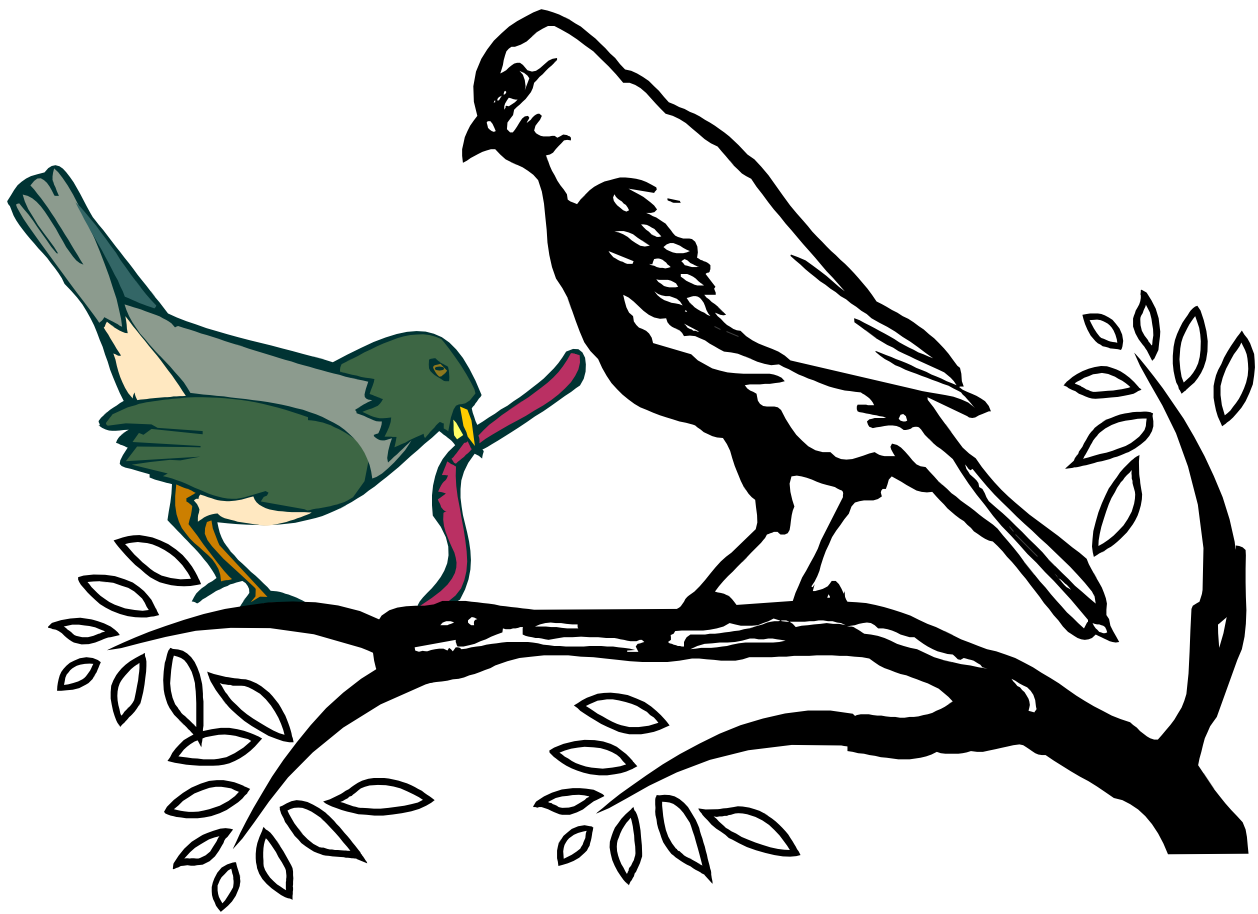
4: Trip to the park. Encourage children to practice "Hello", "Good bye", "Please", "Thank you", "Excuse me" and "I'm sorry" in the playground.

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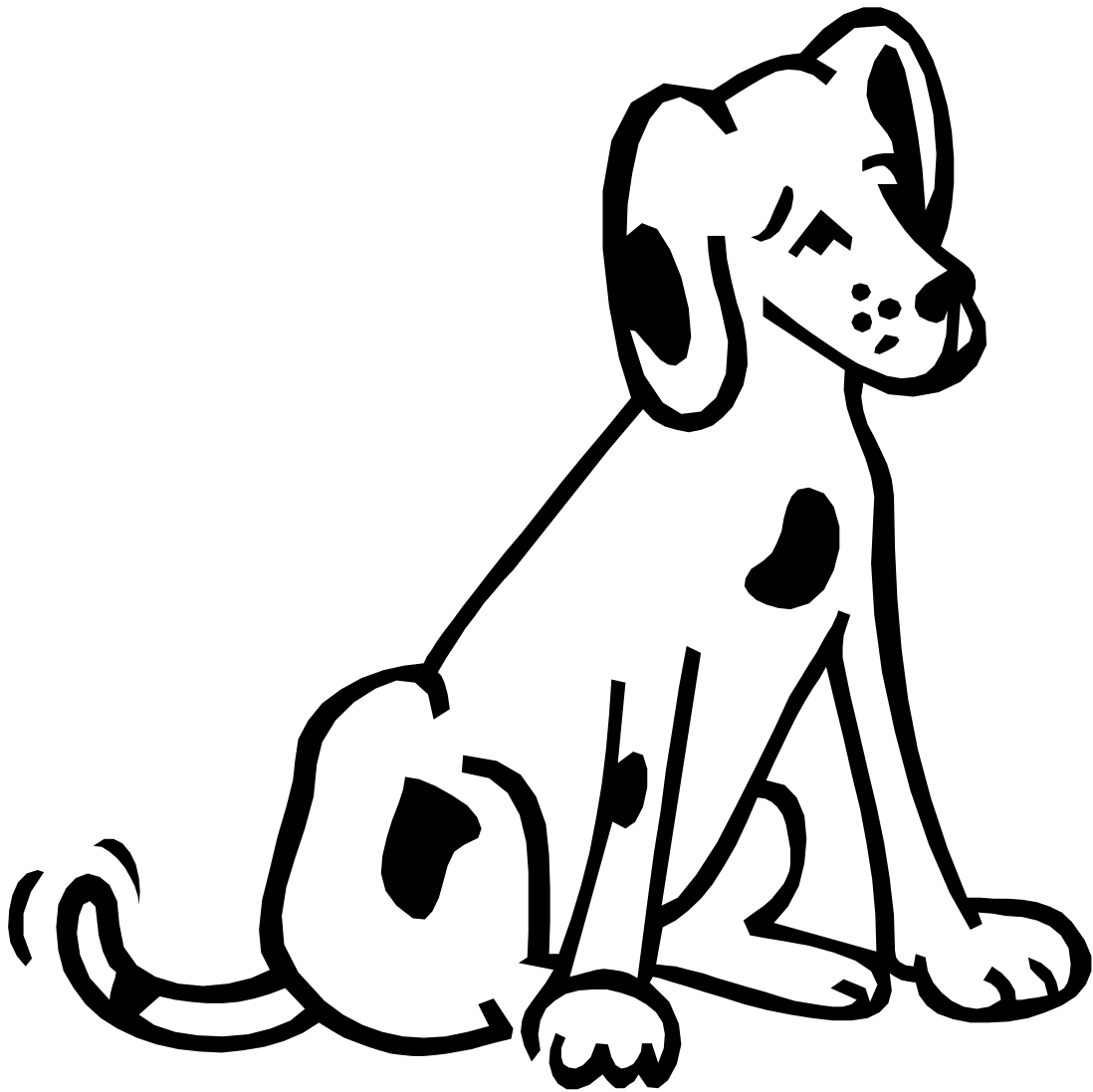




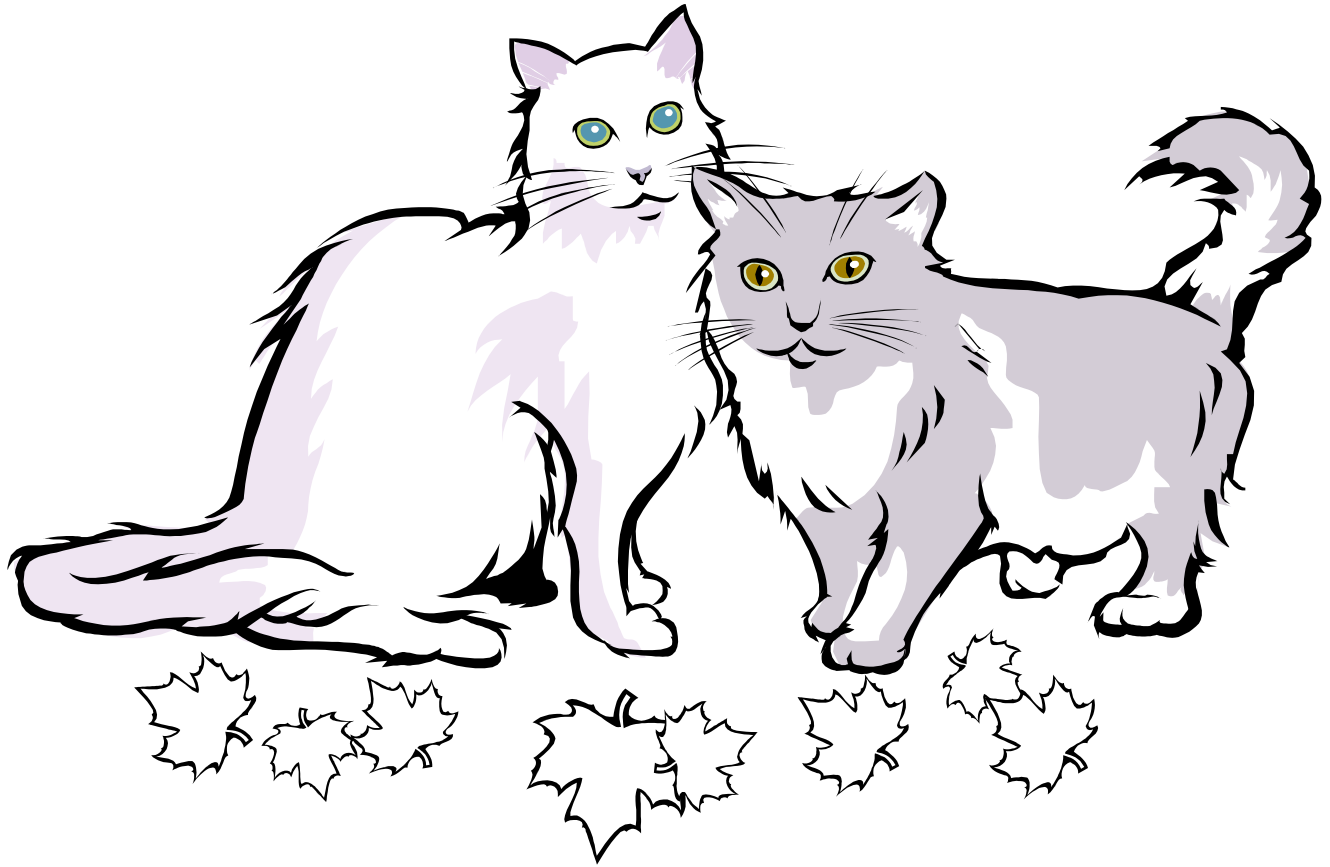
*On the pretty flowers
Sit the honey bees.
With courtesy they ask,
"May we have some nectar please?"*



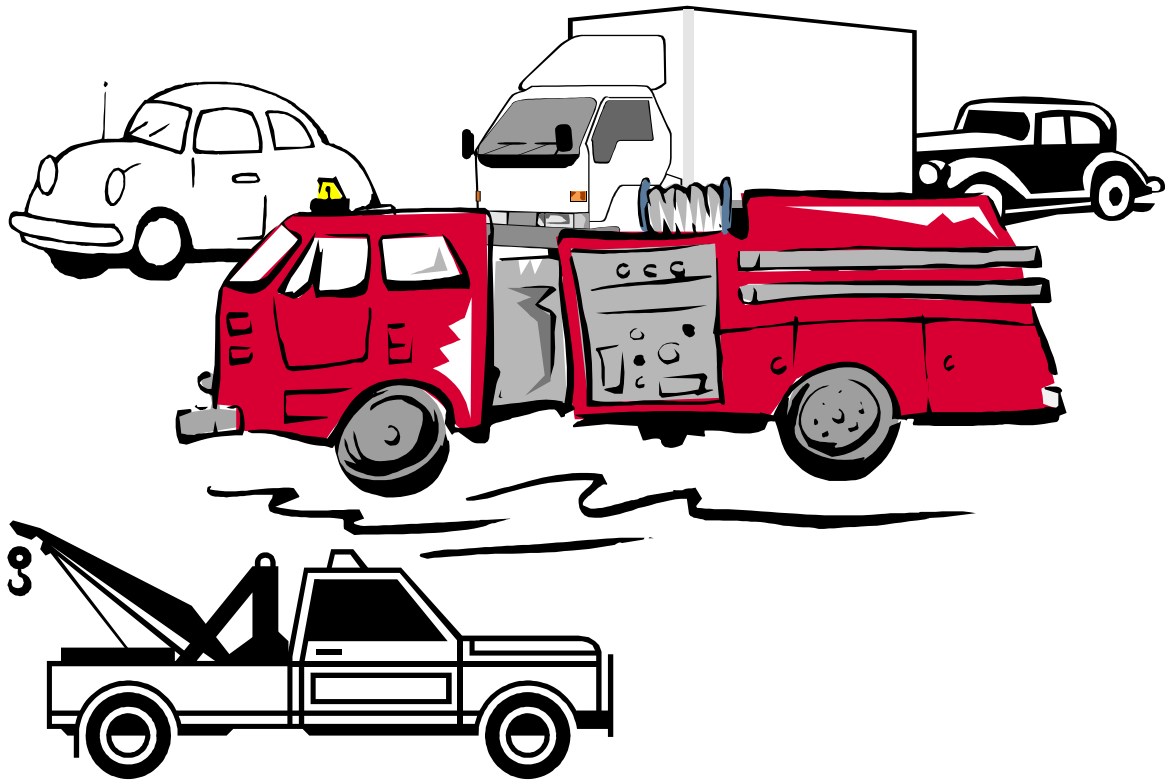
Mother bird Finds some worms
For her baby's tea.
Baby bird is courteous
Saying "Thank you dear Mummy."



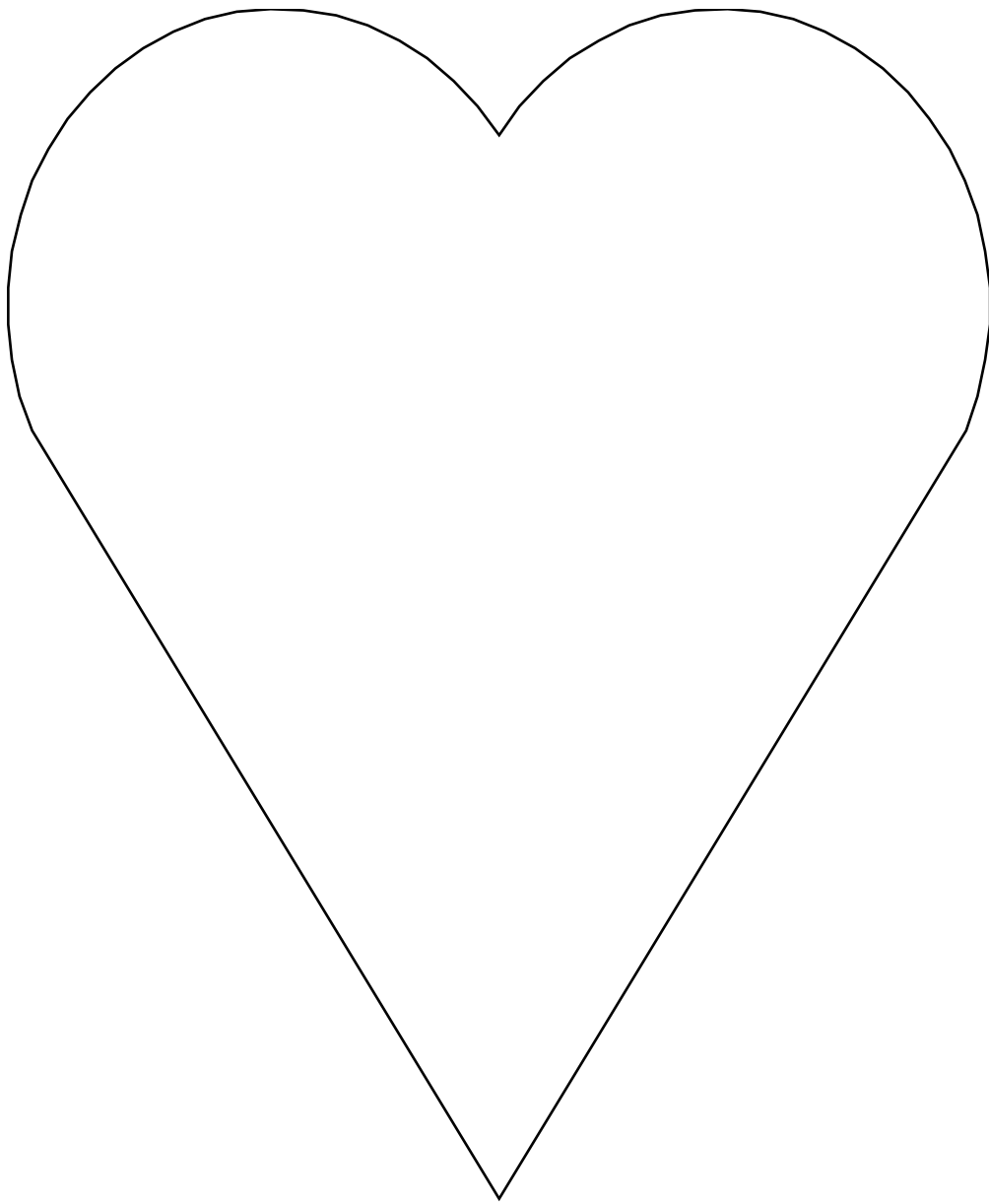
*When courteous dogs are at the gate
Looking down the street,
They bark "Hello" and "Good-bye"
To everyone they meet.*



*Courteous kittens bounce and play
In some fallen leaves.
When they bump into each other
Hear them say "I'm sorry".*



Can you hear the Fire engine
Using courtesy?
As it passes all the cars
It cries "Excuse me! Excuse Me!"



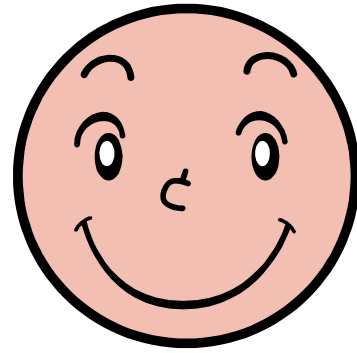
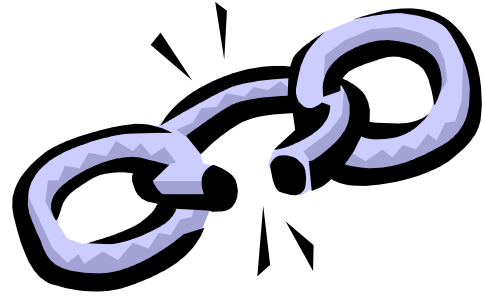
*God wants us to love all people
Like our own Family.
A way to show our love for others
Is to practice courtesy.*

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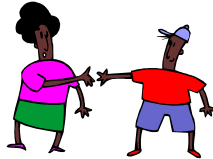


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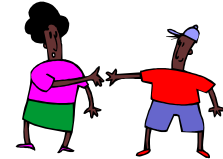


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