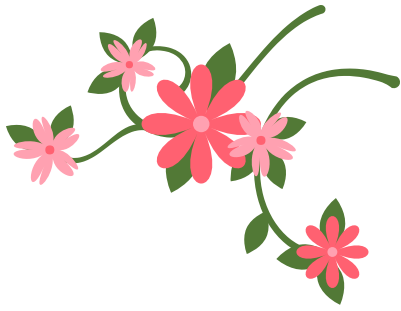


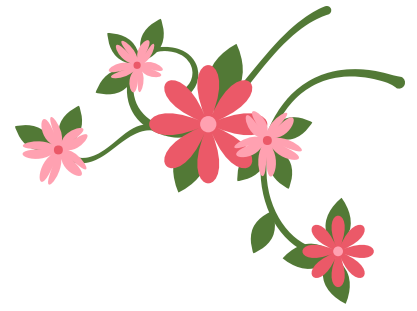
Hospitality

The heart of
hospitality is to
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the well-being
and care of
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Tips for Training *Hospitality: Serving*



Train your children to have a self-image of one who takes responsibility by giving them practical ways to serve people in your home. We do not serve others because they deserve it, but because of our love for Christ who served us.

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Ephesians 5:21
Through love serve one another. Galatians 5:13

Discuss these simple ideas and personalize them for your own family. Memorize the verses over the next few weeks.

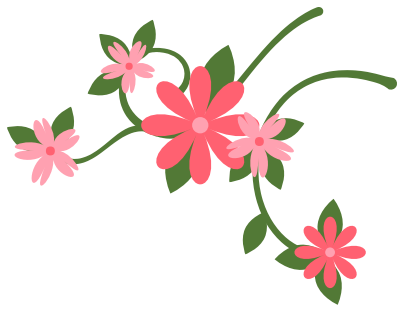
Prepare for guests: Plan some activities, think about what toys or games their guests might like. Ask them to prepare their hearts to share their toys and to practice patience, knowing that sometimes they will have to lead in showing graciousness.

Ask them to help you prepare the dinner table by setting it, or by planning a snack or some refreshment to serve to their guests.

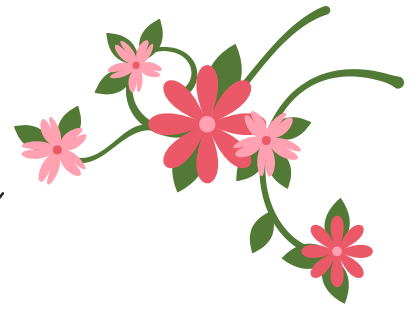
If it is an overnight guest, have them help you write or color a picture to leave by their bed. Give them some bottles of water and a small snack to leave for the pleasure of their guest.

Greet guests: Greet them at the door with a sincere welcome. "Hi, I am so happy to see you!" or, "We are so glad you are here." Have them come up with original greetings.

Graciousness toward guests: Teach them to speak politely and in an honoring voice, learning not to interrupt and learning to participate with interest in the conversation. Teach them to say please when they have a personal request of someone. "May I please have...." Teach them to say thank you for someone else's gift, meal, or help. Model this attitude of graciousness for them.



Tips for Training *Hospitality: Show Love through Relationships*



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Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor; not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Romans 12:10-11

Teach your children this easy rule for remembering what to do to be hospitable in our relationships.

STOP: Stop what you are doing and give your focused attention to the person who is speaking to you or coming into your home, especially adults.

LOOK: Look at the person in the eyes and notice the expression on their face. See if they look like they need encouraging, talking to a friend, or maybe just a welcome.

LISTEN: Listen to what they are saying and show interest in their conversation. Listen to their words as well as their heart by seeing the mood they are in.

Training your children to have a heart for hospitality and to do the actions of hospitality happens over many seasons of life.

This is just a beginning summary of some of the ways to make hospitality a habit of heart and action in your home.

There are endless ways of teaching your children hospitality, so keep adding to this list. The basic attitude is to teach your children to give honor to others because they are created by God.

Jesus told us that the world would know we were his disciples by our love for one another. When we choose to love others by serving them, not because of our feelings but because of our obedience, we show them the supernatural love of Jesus.