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The importance of PoliteChild is to practice what we learn, nurturing our intention to respect ourself and others at all times. We learn the virtues to help us understand how to be polite and kind. We learn how to meet and greet people to be able to communicate with courtesy. We learn the magic words to show consideration to others. We learn table manners to learn how to act around the table. We learn how to be grateful and gracious to be thankful when you get things, like it or not. We learn responsibility to take care of business. We learn reliability to be accountable. We learn loyalty to be faithful. We learn courage to be brave, even though we are afraid. We learn integrity to stand up for our beliefs. We learn self-control to have power over our emotions. We learn self-discipline to be able to not give up. We learn trustworthiness to be trusted. We learn humor and humility to be able to laugh at ourselves and to be humble. We use these virtues in our everyday lives to be a better and more polite person.

I believe that this program will stick to many kids. If we had PoliteChild long ago, the world would be safer and better. What we lost long ago, we can make up for it now if every child has this program because children are the future. This won't necessarily [sic] help the world to be perfect, but it's just one step closer.

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