



# RESPECT

## WEEK 2: CHARACTER DRILL

### AGE-SPECIFIC CHARACTER DRILL FOR AGES 3-5

#### **DRILL: PLEASE, THANK YOU, AND YOU'RE WELCOME**

"When you say please and thank you, you are showing great manners. When you have great manners it feels really good. In this drill we are going to practice saying please, thank you, and you're welcome to our class mates while playing a fun game."

#### **Steps:**

1. Divide your students into even lines with no more than four to a line. For each line you will need a dodgeball or bean bag. Also, set up a wave bag cushion (or similar object) approximately three steps in front of each line with a cone on top of it.
2. Explain that it is not good manners to simply grab something from others. Saying "please" when you ask for something and then "thank you" when they give it to you is having good manners. Also, saying "you're welcome" is having good manners when someone says "thank you." The goal for this drill is to knock the cone off the wave bag cushion with the dodge ball (or bean bag) but each student will have to ask their friend for each dodge ball while using manners.
3. For each line, the first person in line (student A) will hold the dodge ball. Follow these instructions:
  - a. The second person in line (student B) will say "may I please have the dodge ball?"
  - b. Student "A" will hand the dodge ball to student "B" and student "B" will say "thank you."
  - c. Student "A" will say "you're welcome."
  - d. Student "B" will throw the dodge ball at the target. Student "A" will retrieve the dodge ball after it is thrown and give it back to student "B."
  - e. Again, student "B" will say "Thank you" & student "A" will say "you're welcome."
  - f. Continue the drill so that each student gets to throw the dodge ball 3 times.
4. At the end of the drill, tell the students that you are very proud of them for using great manners.