

Lesson 85 - Manners Matter

Aim

- * To understand the importance of good manners
- * To learn that having good manners is a lot of fun

Materials

- * Story - The Berenstain Bears Say Please and Thank You
- * Pictures of the story
- * Polite words - please, thank you, excuse me, sorry
- * Card, print of a picture frame, scissors, glue, coloured pencils

Lesson Outline

1. Introduction
2. The Berenstain Bears Say Please and Thank You
3. Discussion
4. Activities - retell the story, make a framed picture, colour a picture, role play
5. Review the aims
6. Prayer

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1) Introduction

Today we will learn about manners. What are manners? It is about the right way to behave towards other people. For example, if you want more bread when eating together, you should say, "Please may I have another piece of bread?" When you receive the bread you should say, "Thank you." Every day we use lots of words. Some words are very important. Please and thank you are very important words

Sometimes we can show good manners without using words. For example, what should you do if your mummy and daddy are talking together and you want to ask them something? You could stand and wait patiently. You could gently put your hand on your mummy's shoulder, so she knows you want to speak. You could come back later. What is the wrong way to ask? Don't wait, just Interrupt them. Today's story is about a bear family and how they learn good manners

2) The Berenstain Bears Say Please and Thank You

There wasn't a lot of fun in the Bear family, because they had forgotten their manners. There was a lot of squabbling and instead of using words like please and thank you, they were saying oh, yeah and phooey. One day Gran came to visit and brought a gift, an embroidery in a frame with the words MANNERS MATTER Her visit reminded the family the importance of their manners. From that day on they started again to say please and thank you. And once again it became a fun-filled bear family.

3) Discussion

- * What fun things did the Bear family like doing together? - *going places, doing things together and doing nothing together*
- * What was the problem with the Bear family? - *They weren't having fun anymore. They were squabbling a lot and they were using words like oh yeah and phooey*
- * What words had they forgotten? - please, thank you
- * Which animals noticed there was a lot of noise in the Bear family? - bluebirds, pet goldfish, Mrs. Squirrel, Mr. Bunny and Mrs. Frog.
- * Who visited one day? - Gran
- * What did Gran say when she arrived?
THANK YOU
SORRY about shouting -
EXCUSE ME for interrupting.
Would you PLEASE accept the gift?"
- * How did Gran help? - She brought a gift of embroidery with the words MANNERS MATTER.
- * What did the members of the family say when Gran gave the gift?
THANK YOU (Papa)
PLEASE sit down, (Sister)
SORRY about not coming to the door more quickly, (Brother)
EXCUSE ME while I make a pot of tea (Mama)
- * What happened to the Bear family from that day on? - *They remembered their manners and started saying please and thank you again. They started having a lot of fun going places together, doing things together and doing nothing together*

4) Activities

- * Retell the story in your own words using the pictures.
- * Make a framed picture - Cut out picture of the bear family and polite words. Paste them onto a cardboard picture frame. Attach string and display it on the wall at home
- * Colour a picture - of Mama Bear, brother and sister. Cut and paste the speech bubbles (Can I have a lollipop please ? Thank you)
- * Role play good manners - E.g. Having a meal together.
"THANK YOU for making a nice meal!"
"Could you pass the ketchup, PLEASE?"
SORRY what did you say you wanted?"
"EXCUSE ME, I need the toilet.?"

5) Review the aims

- * To understand the importance of good manners
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The Berenstain Bears

Say Please and Thank You



The members of the Bear family usually had fun together. They had fun going places together. They had fun doing things together. They had fun just sitting around doing nothing together. But lately, they didn't seem to be having much fun. Somehow fun had given way to fussing, feuding and squabbling. Words like *please* and *thank you* were giving way to words like *oh, yeah?* *Gee whiz!* And *phooey!* If the Bear Family had been a television show, *Family Feud* would have been a better name for it than *Family Fun*.

It wasn't clear why this was happening. Maybe it was because the members of the Bear family had got out of the wrong side of the bed. Perhaps it was because of the fast pace of modern life. Or perhaps it was just one of those things. But whatever the reason, it was clear that things were going wrong at the big tree house down a sunny dirt road deep in Bear Country.

It was certainly clear to the mama bluebird who nested on a tree house branch. There was so much growling and door-banging that it woke up her babies. It was clear to the Bear family's pet goldfish. They had to put their fins over their ears. To shut out the squabbling. Even the old owl lamp on the library table was beginning to look worried about the goings-on.

The Bear family's neighbours didn't know what to think. "Tsk, tsk! Said Mrs. Squirrel. "At least you'd think they'd keep their windows closed."

"My goodness!" said Mr. Bunny. "They used to be such a nice family."

"Such language!" said Mrs. Frog. "What do you suppose has gone wrong?"

Then one day the Bear family had a visitor. It was wise old Gran. She had heard about the trouble at tree house and had brought the Bears a gift. Gran rang the doorbell. But the feuding family didn't hear her ring. She knocked the door knocker, but the squabbling Bear family didn't hear her knock. It wasn't until Gran rang the bell, knocked and shouted all at the same time that anyone came to the door.

"Why, it's Gran!" said Mama. "Won't you come in?"

"THANK YOU!" said Gran. "SORRY about shouting. And EXCUSE ME for interrupting. I brought you a gift. Would you PLEASE accept it?"

Gran's words hung in the air. *Thank you, sorry, excuse me, and please* were words that the Bear family had almost forgotten about. They opened the gift. It was a piece of embroidery, a beautiful framed embroidery Gran had made. This is what it looked like and this is what it said: MANNERS MATTER.

“THANK YOU!” said Papa.

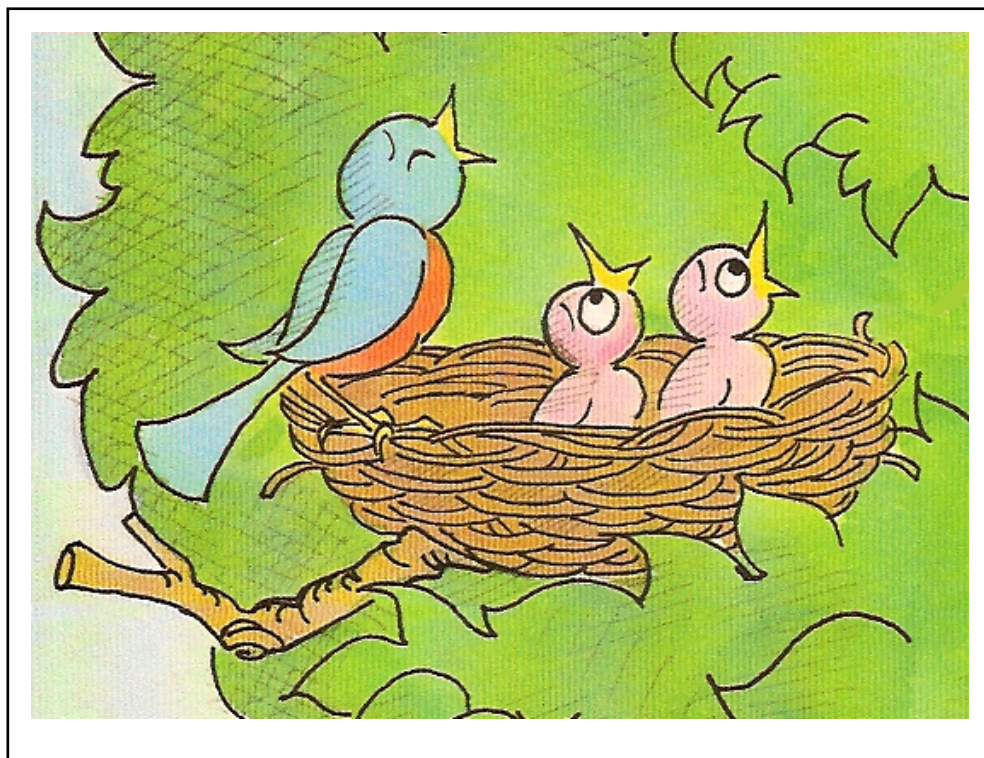
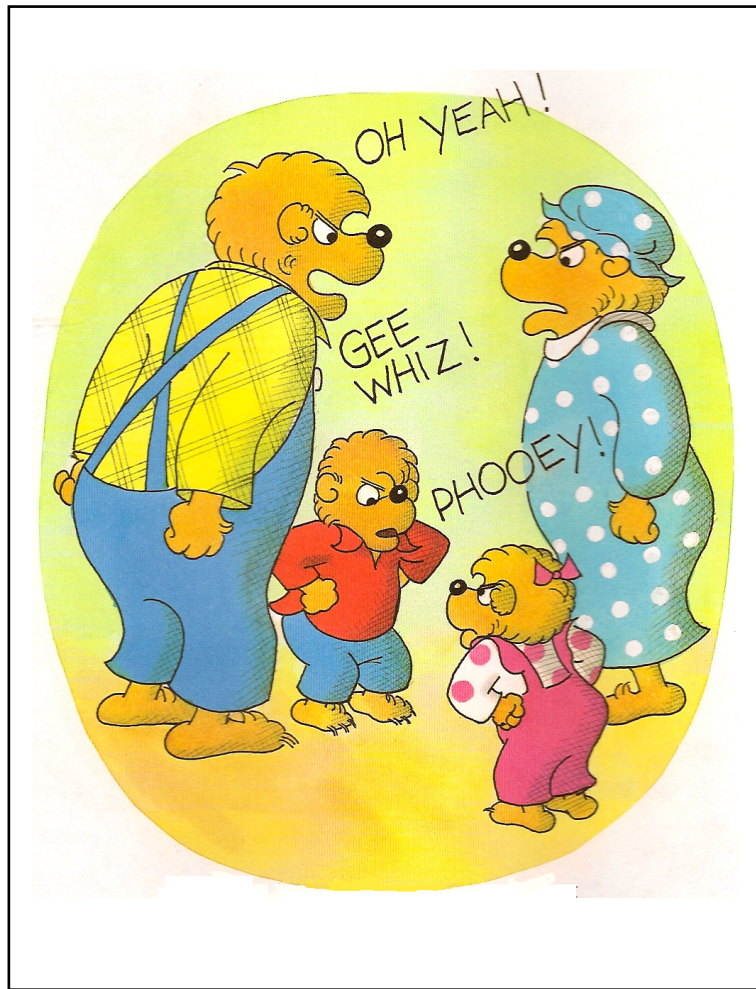
“PLEASE sit down, Gran,” said Sister.

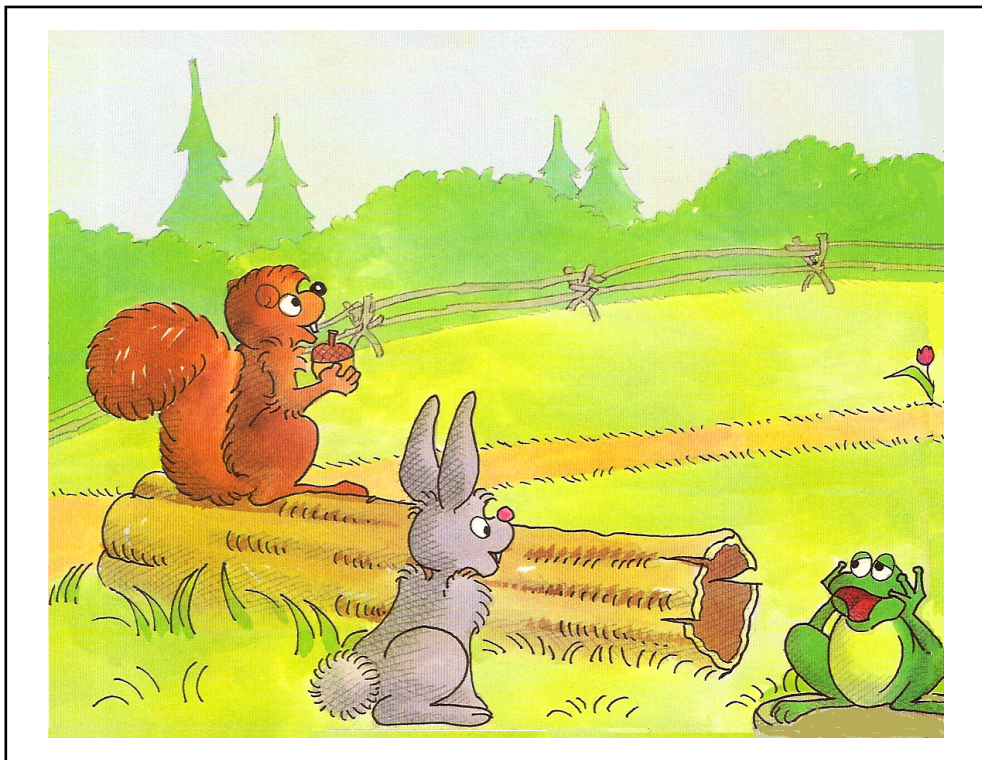
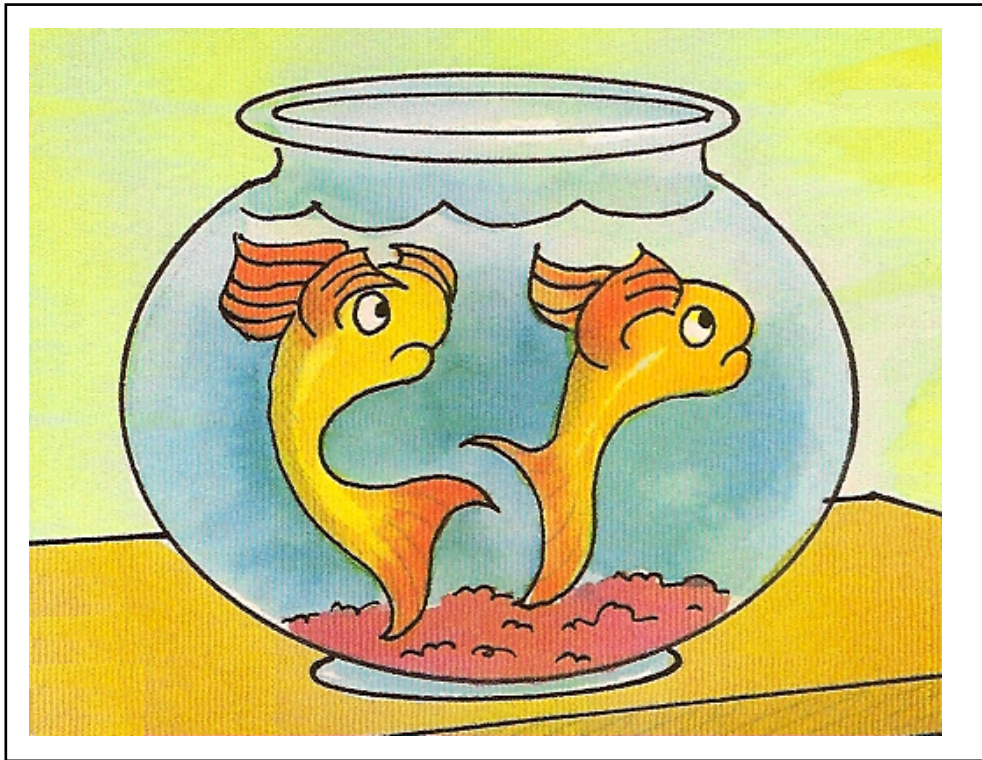
“SORRY about not coming to the door more quickly,” said Brother.

“EXCUSE ME while I make a pot of tea,” said Mama.

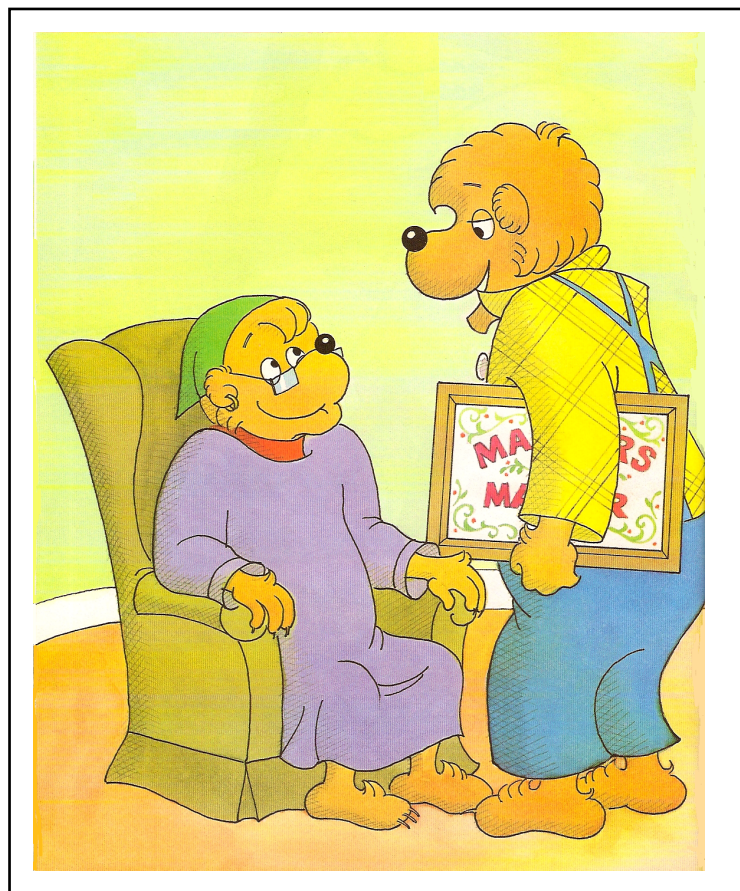
The Bear family didn’t stop fussing, feuding and squabbling overnight. But with Gran’s embroidery to remind them, things started to improve at the big tree house. *Oh, yeah? Gee whiz! And phooey!* Began to give way to *please, thank you* and *excuse me*. And guess what? The Bears began to have fun again.

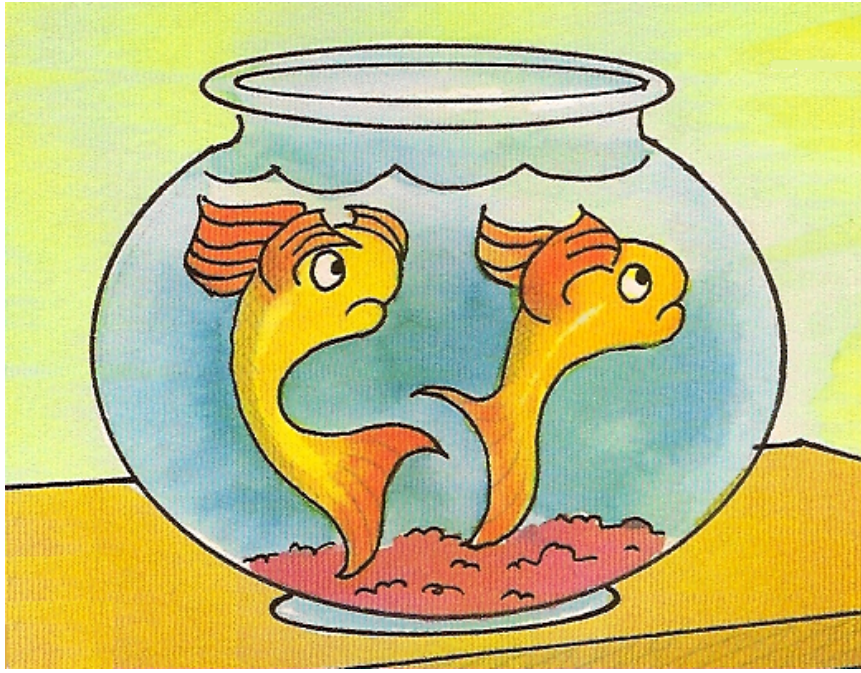
They had fun going places together. They had fun doing things together. And they had fun just sitting around doing nothing together. If the Bear family had been on a television show, *Family Fun* would have been a much better name for it than *Family Feud*.

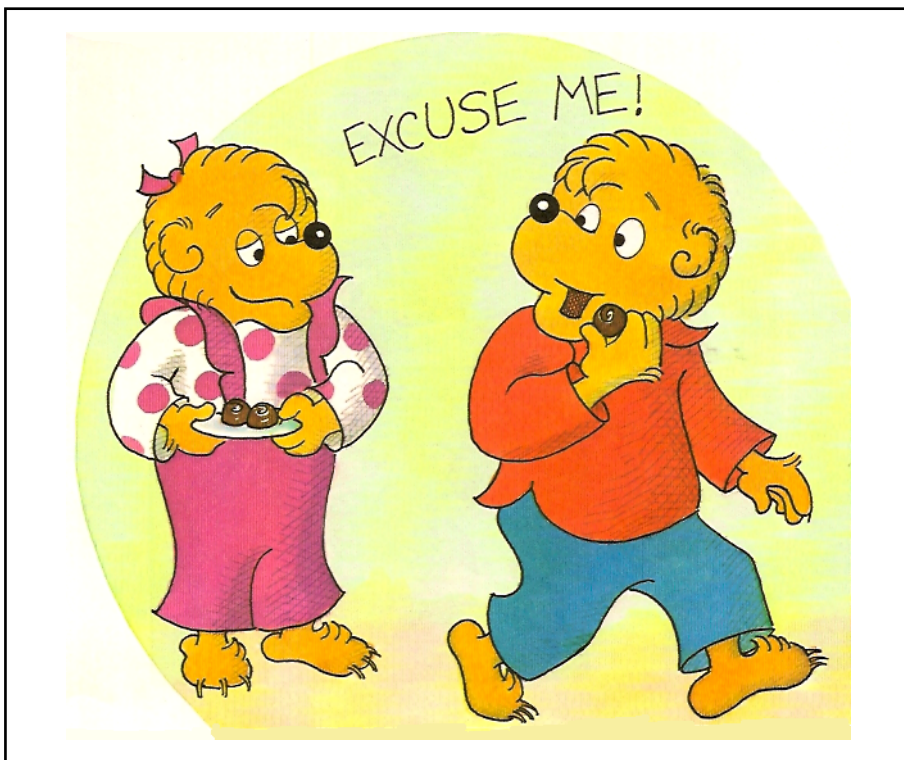






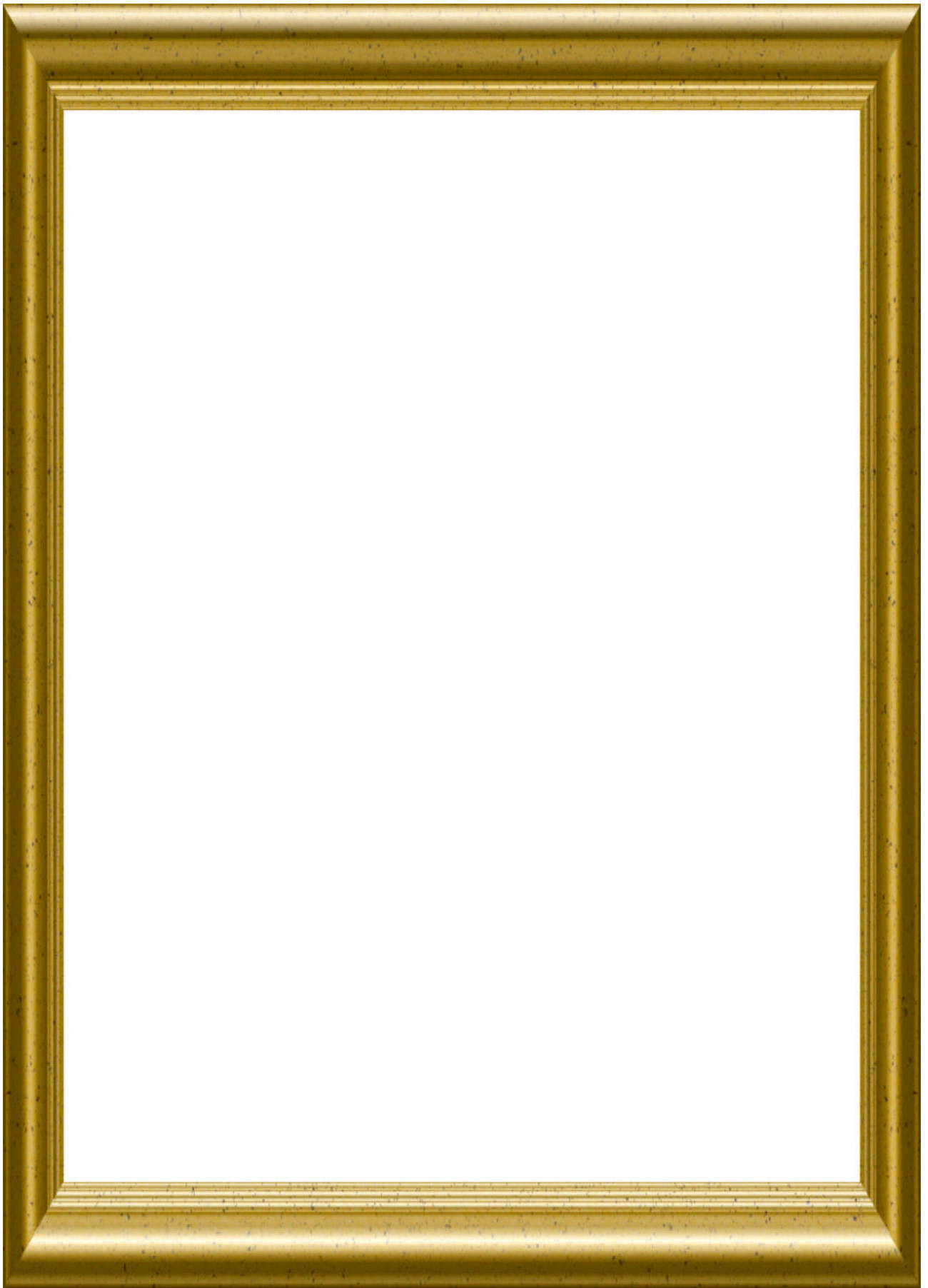






Example of framed picture







EXCUSE ME

SORRY

PLEASE

THANK YOU

Manners Matter



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