

# BUILDING BLOCKS of CHARACTER

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ASK.**

# 2- **We learn to  
THANK!**

# 3- **We learn to  
APOLOGIZE!**

# 4- **We learn to  
FORGIVE!**

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## The BUILDING BLOCKS of CHARACTER

The habits we learn as children will stay with us a lifetime.

Learning **THE FOUR BUILDING BLOCKS OF CHARACTER** lays the foundation for a good life.

How many gang wars, world wars, marriage conflicts and sibling rivalries would be avoided if people just learned these four things:

**ADMIT** we need each other,  
**THANK** others,  
**APOLOGIZE** for our mistakes, and  
**FORGIVE** one another!

"Habits are actions built up strong and tall. Like bricks laid together to form a high wall. When once they are built it is so hard to break them, you'd better be careful about how you MAKE them!"

Please?



say,  
"please"

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### # 1- We **learn to ASK!**

When we say, "**PLEASE?**" we **ASK**. When we **ASK**, we **ADMIT** our need for others! From the moment we were born we began asking - crying for our needs to be met. The very fact we are **alive** is proof that someone answered that cry - and cared about us enough to nurture, feed and protect us - or we wouldn't be here! Relationships are the stuff of life! We all need each other, so it's OK to **ASK!**

***Just remember to ask politely,  
and always say, "PLEASE!"***



say,  
“thank you!”

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#### # 2- **We learn to THANK!**

When we realize we need others,  
we begin to be **THANKFUL** for  
what we have.

We wouldn't have anything, not  
even life itself, if it had not been  
first been **GIVEN** to us! So always  
remember to say "**THANK YOU!**"



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#### # 3- **We learn to APOLOGIZE!**

Being human, we all make mistakes. To **APOLOGIZE** requires humbling ourselves and ADMITTING we are not perfect. We can never grow further in our character until we can learn to say,

**"I'm Sorry."**



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#### # 4- **We learn to FORGIVE!**

After we admit we are not perfect, we can then say, "I FORGIVE YOU", knowing that we also need forgiveness.

How else can we all get along in this world?

## Welcome to the Land of "I'm Sorry"

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Once there was a boy whose teacher said, "Boy - Always do right, and Never do Wrong. Then you will be perfect." So the boy went out to always do right.

But one day he did something wrong. He was so sad he thought his life was ruined forever. "There's nothing left to do but jump down a hole and HIDE", he thought. He was about to jump, when someone came along and said, "All is not lost! You can still have a good life. But you have to go through these two gates first, called:



So the boy left the hole behind, and went through the gates. On the other side he saw his teacher there. Shocked, he asked the teacher, "You're here, TOO? YOU had to say sorry? What did YOU do that was wrong?"

The teacher said, "I told you, 'you could be perfect and never do wrong', but that was impossible to do. That was my mistake. I am sorry."