

# THE PRINCESS AND THE ROOSTER

A Children's Guide To  
Really Good Manners

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Teacher's Guide

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## I. TOPICS FOR CLASSROOM DISCUSSION

*The Princess and The Rooster* presents, through a series of vignettes, lessons for children in basic socially acceptable behavior and manners. Set in time as a modern day fairy tale, the larger-than-life characters of the Princess and Rudy the Rooster, who must show that he has learned proper behavior in order to be turned back into a prince. This fun to watch video is as instructive as it is entertaining. As we are all aware, good manners are one of the keys to success in life and this video is one way of presenting the lessons of etiquette in an easy to understand, concise way.

There can be several methods of classroom usage. One way would be to watch the entire video and then discuss the contents. The instructor offers questions as well as discussion that will lead the class toward an empathetic understanding of why we should treat others as we would like to be treated.

A second way might be to watch one or two scenes and then have the class discuss each type of event in more detail. Focus on things such as promptness, table manners & neatness; and why it is better to approach people in a more restrained fashion if you want their attention.

1. You are playing a game with your friend. A new student shows up. Why might it be a good idea to invite the new student to join the game?
2. There is one more piece of cake on the table. Should you just take it without asking permission? Will asking permission help or hurt your chances of getting the last piece of cake, or getting no cake at all? Why?
3. What should a child contribute to his or her family? What chores should they do to help their parents? What chores should they do around the house in order to make their own lives better?

## II. WRITTEN ASSIGNMENTS

1. How is your family council organized?
  - a) Should children get a vote?
  - b) Should children get as equal a vote as their parents?
2. Describe the last meal you ate at a restaurant with your family?
  - a) How could it have been better?
  - b) How could family members' behavior (including yours) been better?
  - c) What will you do differently next time?
3. How could you learn to communicate better with your parents?
4. What would be a better method of getting what you want other than by yelling and screaming?
5. What is a better way to behave when someone tells you "No?"