

## Teach Respect to Children: Poem

### Lesson Plan for Teachers

Objective	Discuss respect as a class with the help of a rhyming poem
Materials	A copy of <i>Respect</i> by Steve and Natasha Hanson
Time	30 minutes
Ages	5-7 years old

#### Questions for Class Discussion:

1. What does respect mean to you?
2. What are some examples of respect? (Both in this poem and in your life.)
3. The Mom forgot to pick up the bear from the bus stop. How would that make you feel? What should she have done? Why?
4. Name some examples of disrespectful behavior in the poem. How could each of those be turned into respectful behavior?
5. This child is struggling to teach respect to his mother. How would you help him? How can his mom be more respectful?

#### Recipe for Respect

1. If you were going to make a recipe for respect, what ingredients would you use? What behavior goes into respect? What behavior would you skip?
2. On the chalkboard, write or draw your class' recipe for respect.



## Respect

*By Steve and Natasha Hanson*

My mom does not respect my toys  
No matter what I do.  
I'm upset that my lessons are  
Failing to get through.

She stepped on all my dinosaurs.  
She kicked my poor t-rex.  
My pterodactyl's muddy and  
I worry 'bout their necks.

She promised to pick up my bear  
From the school bus stop,  
But then she left him in the cold  
So that she could go shop.

She lost my purple elephant.  
She mangled my stuffed hawk.  
And when we had a tea-party  
She never let us talk.

I don't think that she'd like it  
If I kicked her phone  
Or trampled all her flowers and  
And buried her trombone.

She's impolite. She breaks the rules.  
She thinks she has to shout.  
Oh I wish there was a way  
To put Mom in time-out.