

TEACHER TALK - PRESCHOOL

Using Positive Language to Teach Good Behavior



USE THE WORDS
"I like the way you ..."

- a. "I like the way you wait so patiently."
- b. "I like the way you put away the crayons."
- c. "I like the way you cleanup God's House."
- d. "I like the way you're sitting still and getting ready for the Bible story."
- e. "I like the way you raise your hand to ask a question."
- f. "I like the way you say *"thank you."* You have good manners!"
- g. "I like the way you let Mary choose first. You have good manners!"
- h. "Class, I like the way you all listened to the Bible story. Now let's get ready for snack time."
- i. "Johnny, I like the way you pray with your eyes closed."
- j. "Mary, I like the way you pray to God. I'm sure God is happy, too."
- k. "Jimmy, I like the way you tried to learn the memory verse. Maybe next week you will say it from your memory."
- l. "Mary, I like the way you tried to play the game. It's good to try new things."
- m. "Jimmy, I like the way you listened to some of the story. I hope you can listen to more next Sunday."
- n. "Jimmy, I like the way you are yelling less this week. Maybe next week you will scream less and less. Keep up the good work!"
- o. "Johnnie, I like the way you are talking less during the Bible story time. I hope that every week you talk less and less. Keep up the good work!"