## **BASIC TABLE MANNERS FOR CHILDREN.**

- 1. Do not eat fast.
- 2. Do not talk loud.
- 3. Do not interrupt.
- 4. Use napkins and keep them on the lap.
- 5. Elbows and arms should not rest on the table with their heads over thier plates.
- 6. Should sit up straight.
- 7. One arm should be kept on the lap most of the time.
- 8. Each child should serve themselves what is on top. Other wise do not short through.
- 9. If there is a small amount left they should ask Mother or Father if they would like to have it before taking the last bit.
- 10. Should not start eating until everyone is served and either Dad or Mom starts to eat usually Mom.
- 11. Never reach across the table or something that is in front of another.
- 12. Ask kindly, may I please, and thank you.
  - 1. May I please have the bread?
  - 2. Or would you please pass the butter?
  - 3. Thank you!
- 13. The dish should be passed around not across the table if it is a large table.
- 14. Do not chew with their mouth open.
- 15. Do not take large bites.
- 16. No smacking or slurping.
- 17. Do not speak with food in their mouth.
- 18. No playing with the food.
- 19. Never complain about the food.
  - a. It is discourteous and ungrateful.
  - b. Eat all food with thankfulness.
- 20. God must always be thanked before eating.
- 21. Mom must always be thanked before leaving the table.
  - a. Or the host in another house.
- 22. Always ask to be excused from the table at the end of the meal.
- 23. Always ask permission if they need to leave during the meal.
- 24. They should wash their hands before coming to the table or back to the table.
- 25. Do not get up and down from the Table.