As a parent, you can always do things to make sure your children grow up to be polite and thoughtful:

1. **Set a zero-tolerance policy.** Teach children that it is never acceptable to be rude.

2. **Find teaching opportunities.** Use incidents of rudeness as opportunities to teach good manners.

3. **Model politeness.** Lead by example, your children are always watching you.

4. **Show empathy.** When children see things through the eyes of others, they're less likely to be rude.

5. **Read positive stories to your kids.** Share messages about positive behavior that counteracts rudeness.