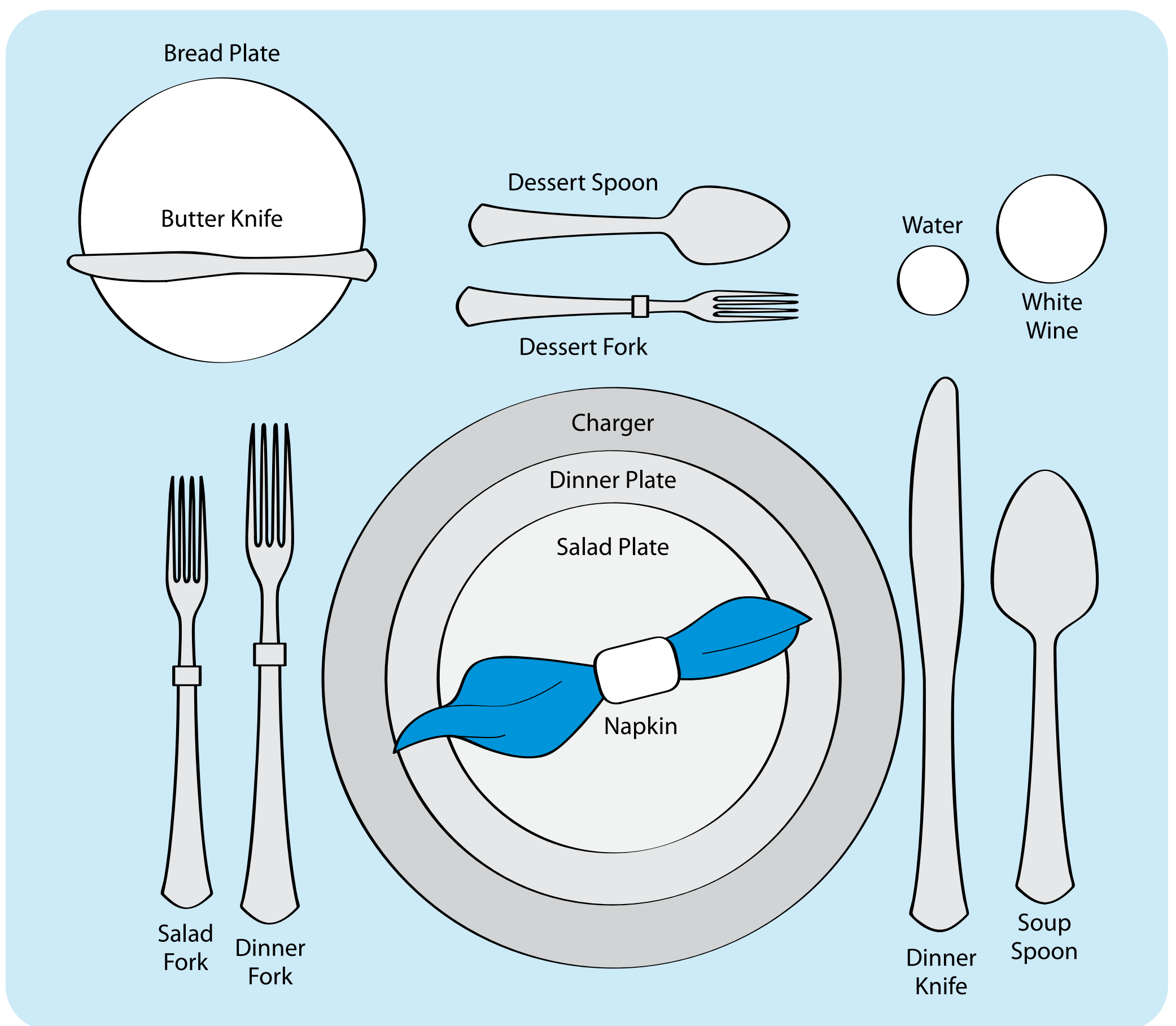


# How to **SET A TABLE**...for Kids



You ask your mom, “Can I help?” You’re hoping to stir some batter but she says, “Sure! Set the table, please!” It’s better than homework or taking out the trash, sure, but you’re a little worried. Where does the short fork go? What’s that smaller spoon about? Does the knife go on the right or the left?!

It’s easy, you’ll see. You’re going to feel great about setting a table just right! (And you may even teach the grown-ups something about proper table-setting.)

**FIRST STEP: Wash your hands!**

**NEXT: Use this diagram as a guide to knowing where to arrange the plates, glasses and silverware.**

- 1 Set the plates** On top a smooth, ironed tablecloth (let Mom do that part), start with the charger (A charger looks like a giant dinner plate. If you don’t have chargers, set first the largest (dinner) plate.
- 2 Napkins** If you're using napkin rings, place the ringed napkin in the center of the plate. If you're folding napkins lengthwise, set the napkin to the left of the forks.
- 3 Silverware** Align the bottoms of the fork at the bottom of the place sitting. Knife—it’s considered impolite to have your blade pointed toward your guest.
- 4 Stemware** (a fancy name for “glasses”) Place stemware above the knife and spoon. You may or may not have a wine glass. That’s okay.
- 5 S & P** Set salt and pepper shakers near the center of the table, beside an elegant bouquet of flowers in the center for decoration.