



Dene Laws

Share what you have

Share all the big games you kill; only take what you need and share with others who do not have any.

Help each other

Help the poor, sick and Elders, who are in need, visit them; give them food, cook, for them. Help them get firewood or whatever needs to be done around the house. When you lose someone in death, go to the family right away, help out the widow as much as possible and help take care of the orphaned children.

Love each other as much as possible

Treat each other as brother and sisters as though you are related. Help each other and don't harm anyone.

Be respectful of Elders and everything around you

Don't run around when Elders are eating; sit down until they are finished.

Sleep at night and work during the day

Don't run around or laugh loudly when it gets dark. Everyone should sleep when darkness falls.

Be polite and don't argue with anyone

Don't harm anyone with your voice or actions. Don't hurt anyone with your power. Don't show your anger.

Young girls and boys should behave respectfully

Don't make fun of each other, especially in the matter of sex. Don't make fun of older men and women. BE polite to each other.

Pass on the Teachings

Elders are to tell stories about the past every day. In this way, young people learn to distinguish between good and unacceptable behaviours and when they are older, they will become the storytellers someday, who will then someday keep the circle of life going.

Be happy at all times

The Creator have given you a great gift—Mother earth, take care of her and she will always give you food and shelter

***“Prepare the children for a good life by teaching them in this way—
It is your responsibility”***