

Friends: Outcomes and activities

God is Love Year 2

Spiritual Awareness: Jesus is a faithful friend

To be a good friend to someone means treating that person the way you would like to be treated yourself. This involves displaying the fruits of the Spirit in our lives. It means putting your friend first instead of yourself first. It means going the extra mile. Being patient with a friend may mean not giving up on them when they do something wrong. It means being willing to forgive and forget, and start again.

A perfect friend is one who knows the worst about you but loves you just the same. Jesus is the perfect friend.

Our response to 'God is Loving, Patient and Kind'

Because God is loving, patient and kind, I will...

- try to be patient with others
- try to be patient with myself
- remember that God will answer my prayers in His time
- finish jobs properly and not take short-cuts
- persevere and not give up when things get difficult
- show self-control
- show kindness and gentleness to others
- learn to listen
- learn to wait
- learn to let others go first
- help people when they are hurting
- be friendly
- be forgiving
- be faithful

Key Questions

What is a friend?

Who are my friends?

How do I want my friends to treat me?

How should I treat my friends?

What is the meaning of loyalty?

When do I need to have patience with my friends?

What special things do I like doing with my friends?

How can I make my friends feel that I appreciate them?

What would I do if my friend did something against me?

Who is the best friend we can have?

How can I become a friend of Jesus?

Outcomes

Students will

- understand the qualities we would expect to find in a friend.
- try to be a good friend to others.
- identify common interests and work together with a friend.
- understand the quality of loyalty.

- appreciate that there are sometimes differences and disagreements between friends.
- suggest steps for making peace when disharmony occurs.

Activities

- Have a discussion with students about how they feel when they are with their friends. Why is it important to have friends?
- Write a report on a friend. Write about their interests and abilities. Include photographs or drawings.
- Compare your friend's interests and abilities with personal interests and abilities.
- Explain why you like being friends with this person.
- List the things you like to do with your friends.
- Discuss the qualities you would like in a friend.
- Discuss ways of being a good friend.
- Write a poem or piece of prose: A friend is someone who...
- Work together on a project with a friend.
- Draw a portrait of a friend.
- Ask the student to draw a picture of themselves having fun with a friend. The student can write a sentence about what they are doing in the drawing.
- Make up a play about a fight between two friends and its resolution.
- Discuss the importance of forgiveness.
- Make a book about Jesus, the perfect friend, or the story of the friendship between David and Jonathan.
- Make a large mural, "Jesus is a friend of children" and show children from all different cultural backgrounds.
- Discuss some situations where a friend has a need. How can you help?
- Discuss why elderly people especially need to have friends. Can a child be a good friend to an elderly person?
- Discuss ways of helping a newcomer to make friends.
- Make up a modern-day Good Samaritan story, showing how we can be a friend to anyone who has a need.

Assessment

1. Finish this sentence with ten different ideas:

A good friend is someone who...

2. In learning about friends, what have I also learned about God?

Values education Year 2

God is Love: Friendliness

Jesus is the best friend we can ever have.

Friendliness is...

- caring about someone
- being willing to help someone
- listening to someone
- spending time with someone
- being interested in the interests of someone
- sticking up for someone when they are going through hard times
- showing kindness
- sharing

Activities

1. Make a list of all the qualities you would like to have in a friend
2. Choose a friend and answer these questions about them.

What do you like most about your friend?

What common interests do you have?

How is your friend different to you?

What things do you share with your friend?

What things does your friend share with you?

What was the best time you have ever had together?

Questions

1. What does this mean? *"A friend loves at all times."*
2. How to you make friends with someone?
3. What do you have to do to keep your friend?

Which of these things are important in a friend?

• will listen to me		is liked by everyone	
tells the truth		buys me great presents	
helps me		likes doing the things that I do	
looks really nice		is good at sport	
is kind		will do whatever I want	
makes me laugh		does the things that are right	

What does the Bible say about friendliness?

Proverbs 17:17 A friend loves at all times.

Proverbs 18:24 There is a Friend who is closer than a brother.

Play readings

1. Betty's Problem

Billy

What's wrong, Betty?

Betty

I'm not feeling very happy today.

Billy

Why not?

Betty

The boy from next door was rude to me, then he threw water on me, and as I was running inside to get away from him I slipped over and got my dress all muddy. Then I went to wash it and spilt the washing powder all over the floor.

Billy

Don't worry Betty. I'll help you clean up the mess... and never mind about that boy next door. Hey Betty! How would you like to come over to my place after we've cleaned up. We can play a game and have something to eat... and I'll let you have a lend of my favourite car.

Betty

Thanks Billy. You're a real friend.

Activities

What was Betty's problem?

How did Billy cheer her up?

Think

In being kind to Betty, and helping her to feel happier, Billy was giving JOY. Giving away joy is like giving away a smile. We don't lose it by giving it away. Joy is one of the fruits of the Spirit.

2. Newcomer

Number of characters: 3

Mum: Come on everyone. Hurry up and get ready or we'll be late for church.

Billy and Betty: OK Mum.

Billy and Betty arrive at church.

Betty: Hey look Billy. I haven't seen that girl before. I wonder if she'll be in my Sunday School class. Look at her clothes. She's not exactly dressed in his best clothes like we are.

Billy: You girls worry too much about your clothes. It doesn't matter if she's not all dressed up. Maybe she hasn't got any best clothes.

Betty: You're right Billy. Come on, let's go over and say hello to her.

Betty: (to new comer) Hi, I'm Betty. It's good to have you along today. What's your name?

Newcomer: (says name)

Betty: When it's time for the Sunday School class, just come with me and I'll show you where to go. I hope you can be in my class. I'll introduce you to my friends.

Newcomer: Thanks Betty.

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Character development/value: friendliness

"Remember to welcome strangers in your homes. There were some who did that and welcomed angels without knowing it." Hebrews 13:2

Art Year 2

God is Love: Friends

Biblical connection: Jesus loves children and is their friend. He wants us to love others and be a good friend to others.

Bible art as a wall display: Jesus, special friend of children Mark 10:13-16

1. Drawing

Activities:

- Draw yourself with your best friend.
- Draw yourself with several of your best friends. Show what you like to do together.

2. Painting

- Paint a portrait of your best friend, (head and shoulders)

3. Construction

- Make something that you would like to give to a friend.
- Make a paper doll friendship chain. Write the names of your friends on the paper dolls. Draw facial features, clothes etc. and join the hands with tape to make a long chain.
- Ask the student to draw a large flower on a piece of paper and decorate their flowers. They can use the flowers to write messages to their friends.

4. Modelling

- Make the head of your best friend out of clay.

Thinking Skills

Friends 1

Think of something you could make with a friend. Make a list of the things you will need. Now draw yourself and a friend making something together.

Friends 2

Write and draw something that you could learn from your friend.

Friends 3

Think of something you could teach a friend. It could be a game, a craft or any skill you have. Draw and write about this.

Friends 4

On a card, write the name of your best friend. Write the things you like about your friend. Now give the card to your friend.

Friends 5

You are going to have a party. Make a party invitation to send to your friends.

Friends 6

Think of 3 things you have that you could share with your friends. Draw and write about these things.

This is my friend

My friend with me.

My friend me.

My friend is to me.

I have with my friend.

I can my friend.

Missing words:

fun plays trust

likes kind

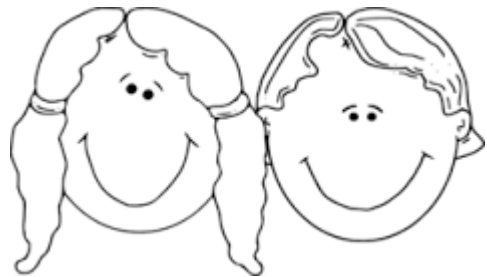
Draw a picture of you and your friend.

Poems about Friends

Friends

By Jennie Flack

Dear Lord Jesus, please help me,
To be just as kind as I can be,
Help me to be a good friend too,
I want to be gentle just like you
Gentle, gentle, kind and true
I want to be gentle just like you.



Dear Lord Jesus teach me to be
The very best friend that I can be.
It's good having friends,
Being lonely is sad,
I want to help others be happy and glad.
Gentle, gentle, kind and true
I want to be gentle just like you.

The perfect friend

The perfect friend is one who knows the worst about you
But loves you just the same.
There's only one who loves like that
And Jesus is His name.
His wonderful, wonderful name.

Love is patient and kind.

1 Corinthians 13:4



1. Why does the boy need help?

The boy cannot

2. What can the girl do?

The girl can

3. What are the cats doing?

One cat is

The other cat is