



Teacher Guide: Friendship

Use the following lesson guide to spark discussions in your classroom about friendships. There are two activities you can use: The Friendship Conversation Starters and the Friendship Role Play Scenarios.

Friendship Conversation Starters

Start by using the conversation starters to introduce the topic. Some students may be easily able to come up with responses while others might need some prompting and suggestions. You can write their answers on chart paper or on the board. Below are some suggested answers to help your class discussion:

What makes someone a "good" friend?

- **Reliable:**
 - Does things they say they are going to do
 - Shows up to events they say they are going to attend
 - Keeps promises
- **Kind:**
 - Uses kind words
 - Shares things with you
 - Spends time with you
- **Fun:**
 - You enjoy playing with them
- **Similar**
 - You have things in common (you like to do the same things)
- **Encouraging**
 - Encourages you to make positive choices
- **Helpful**
 - Listens to you and understand you

How can you be a good friend?

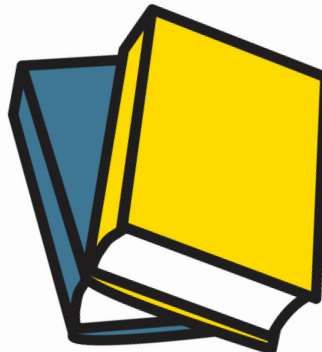
- Say good morning when you see them at school
- Ask them about the things they like to do
- Play with them (even games that aren't your favorite)
- Keep promises and do what you say you are going to do
- Be kind
- Listen to them

Why is it important to have a good friend?

- It is lonely to not have someone to talk to or play with
- They can help support you and help you through hard times

Friendship Role Play Scenarios

Pick the role play scenarios that best fit your classroom. You can even come up with your own! You can have the students act it out or just read aloud and discuss.





Friendship Conversation Starters

Ask these conversation starter questions to spark a conversation!

How can you be a good friend?

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What makes someone a good friend?

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Why is it important to have a good friend?

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Friendship Role Play Scenarios

- Mia walks into the cafeteria for lunch and sees two of her friends, Lily and Olivia waving at her to sit with them. But Lily is on one side of the room and Olivia is on the completely opposite side. Mia is friends with both of them but they haven't met each other yet. How can Mia be a good friend to both Lily and Olivia?
- Carter is playing basketball with his friends at recess. Jackson is new to the school and comes over to see if he can play. Carter's friend Aiden says, "we already have even teams, if you play, we won't be even anymore!" What can Carter do to be a good friend to Jackson?
- Destiny and Aaliyah like to practice their cheerleading during free time at school. Nevaeh used to practice with them, but she recently sprained her ankle and is on crutches. She looks sad during free time because she can't play with her friends anymore. What can Destiny and Aaliyah do to be a good friend to Nevaeh?
- Jayden and Malik like to play video games after school. They recently became friends with Jordan who is new at their school. Jayden and Malik invite Jordan to come play video games with them after school the next day. Jordan tells them that he is allowed to come over but his parents don't let him play video games. What can Jayden and Malik do to be a good friend to Jordan?