

Friendliness

Snacktime Friends

Create a play fort with blankets over chairs or couch cushions, and invite each other over for snacktime. Practice greeting each other at the “door.” Ask one child to invite another child in, offer them something to eat (a non-messy food like pretzels or grapes), and practice using magic words like please, thank you, excuse me.

Practicing Our Friendly Face

Practice smiling in the mirror. Talk about how smiling is a universal language (even when you can’t talk, you can smile).

Practicing Our Friendly Voices

Practice friendly tones saying things like, “I don’t like that” or “I was playing with that” or “That hurt me.” Talk about how telling someone in a friendly way works better than shouting or screaming.

Being Helpful and Friendly

Create a small playground with blocks and have figures (animals or children) play. If someone gets hurt, ask them if they are okay and if they need help.

Someone Is at the Door

Pretend there is someone at the door. Have a doll or stuffed animal there, and invite them in for a play date. Practice sharing toys, showing hospitality, and saying goodbye in a friendly way.

Meeting New Friends

Role play meeting a new friend using a puppet or children in pairs. Practice introductions and asking someone else questions to get to know them.

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Making Friendly Face Masks

Cut a circle out of cardboard and cover it with paper. Cut eye holes, draw on eyes, or paste on googly eyes. Add a happy mouth. Add yarn, ribbon, or colored paper for hair. Attach a stick so it can be held in front of someone's face. This activity reminds us that having a friendly face goes a long way in showing Friendliness. People enjoy interacting with friendly people.

Friendship Walk

Take the children on a walk to visit a park, and make an effort to smile and/or wave at everyone you see.

Friends of All Ages and All Races

Make a collage using pictures of people from the newspaper, and talk to the children about being friendly to everyone, whether young or old. Explain how all people have friends regardless of what age they are or what they look like. Talk about courteous phrases children can use with older friends, such as calling them Mr. or Mrs. and offering their seat if there are limited chairs. Write at the top of the collage, "Being a friend."

Being a Friend

Invite the children to role-play the following scenarios:

A child pretends to be a visitor at the front door. They knock and wait until the door is opened. They greet each other in a friendly manner and the host says, "Hello, welcome to my home, please come in."

A child is alone in the corner of the room, the other child shows friendliness by going to them and inviting them to play.

Two friends see each other in the park and greet one another by shaking hands or hugging. They may say, "How are you?" "How is your family" or "How are you enjoying school?"