

What a Good Neighbor Does

A Lesson on Friendship and Loving Each Other

PK-Kindergarten Lesson

Goal: To introduce children to the friendship, particularly focusing on how to be a good friend by treating others with respect and love.

Materials:

drawing paper

crayons and markers

scissors, yarn, buttons, pipe cleaners, fabric, glitter, etc.

Diving into Dignity

Human dignity is **universal**. This means every person has dignity. No matter how old or young, strong or weak, every person has dignity simply because they are human. Today we'll learn about how to respect the dignity of others through friendship.

Based on the Human Dignity Curriculum (World Youth Alliance)

Lesson: Have the children gather in a circle on the floor. Play and sing [“The More we Get Together”](#)

Explain that God created us and wants us to love other people. God wants us to be friends with others. Ask students to share ways we can be a good friend. Can friends hurt your feelings? Discuss what can be done when someone hurts your feelings.

Watch: Frog and Toad Stories: [The Letter](#) & [The Garden](#)

Discussion:

Discuss what qualities Frog and Toad have that make them such good friends.

What do each of the students like best about Frog? About Toad?

Discuss how each student can practice friendship.

Activity: Have students draw pictures of another student in class. Divide students into pairs, encouraging them to pair with someone they may not know very well. Give each student a piece of paper and materials. Instruct each to create a picture of the other student in his/her pair. Make sure they focus on making the picture a positive depiction of their new friend!

Prayer:

Lord, you made us for friendship. Help us to know that we are never alone. You are with us always. Help me to be a good friend to the friends I have now and the new friends I will make. When I see someone who does not have any friends, let me be the person to be a good friend to them. When a friend hurts my feelings, let me forgive them. Let me always say nice things about my friends. And, show me how to share your love with my friends. Amen.

Teachers' Note: *This day's activities correspond with the study of Human Trafficking for the older grades. Part of this discussion focused on keeping kids safe, particularly on the internet. On [this website](#), you will find resources for internet safety for kids of all ages. Please review these and share them with your class parents as appropriate.*

Lesson adapted from the plans on the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Office of Life, Justice and Peace website