

Friends



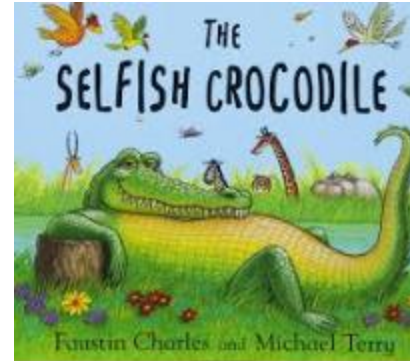
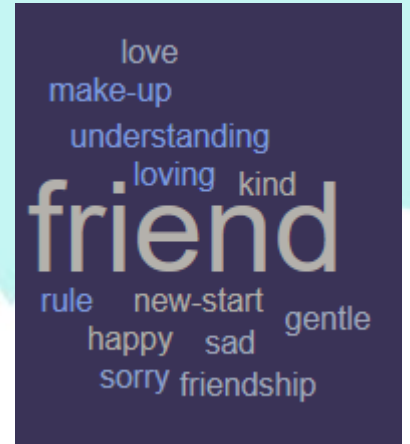
We can make friends.

What is a friend?

How can we make friends?

Can friendships go wrong?

What makes people friends?



Read the Selfish Crocodile or watch this video of the story.

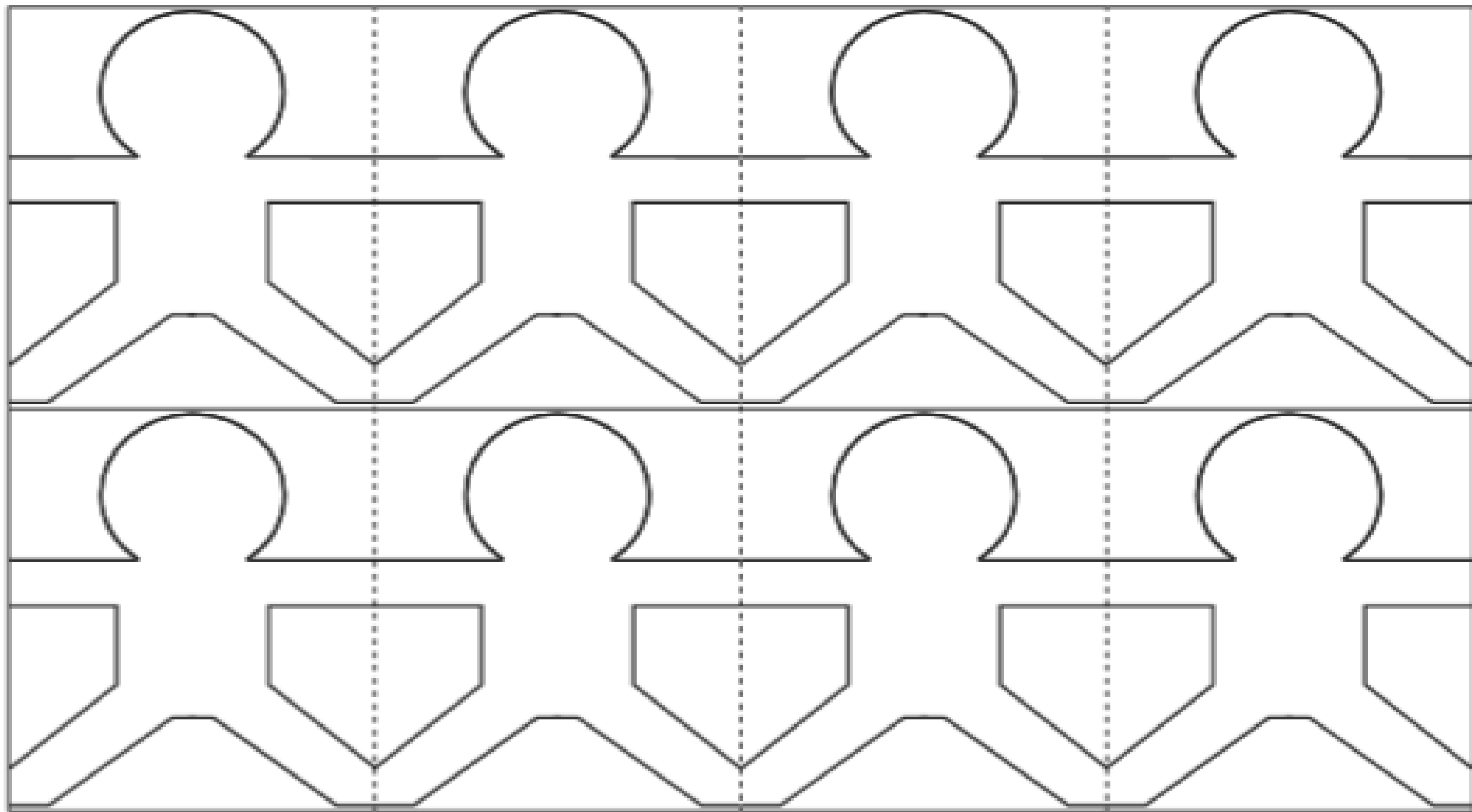
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tB60DIzh4GI>



Can you and an adult make a paper chain of friendship?

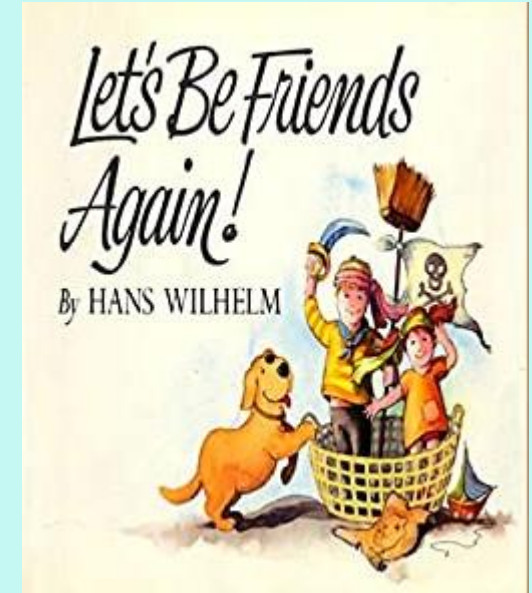


<https://www.edenprojectcommunities.com/make-it-happen/how-to-make-paper-people-chains>



Making friends and being a friend.

- How do we make friends?
- Why is it important to have a friend?
- What do friends do together?



Read this ebook:

<https://www.kidsworldfun.com/images/ebooks/Lets-Be-Friends-Again.pdf>



- Make friendship bracelets. You could use straws, beads, pasta, pipe cleaners or paper.
- You could post it to your friend.

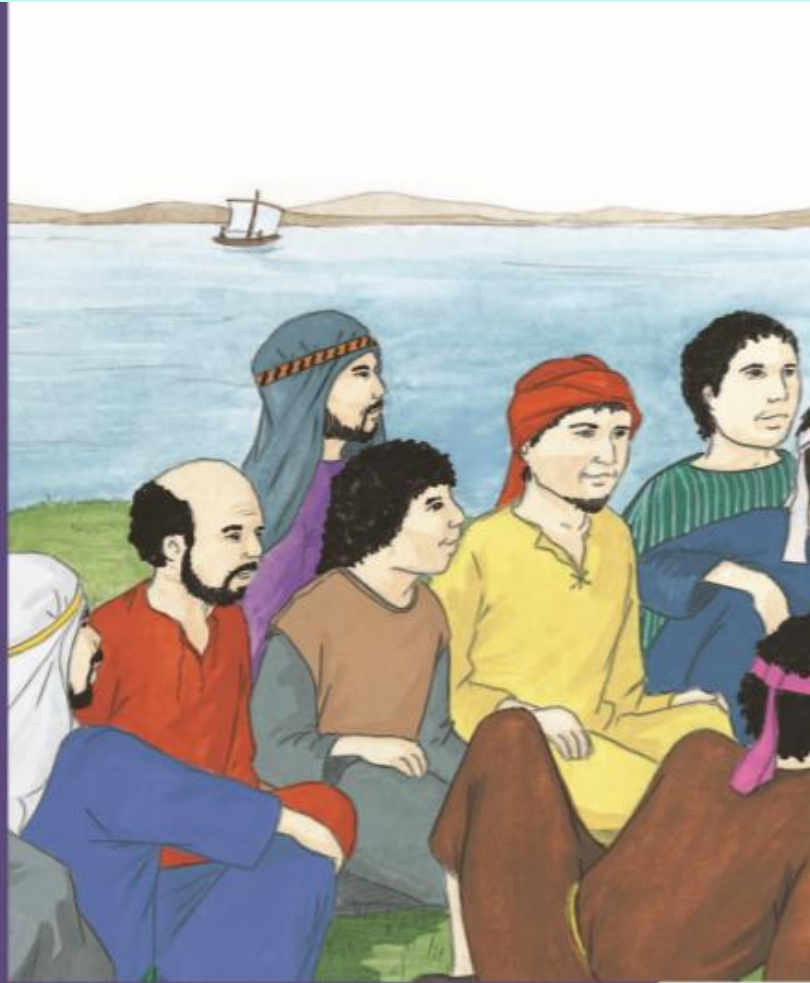


Jesus and his friends

Jesus and his friends worked very hard. They travelled on rough, dusty roads to towns and villages all over the country. Sometimes they had to walk a very long way to get from one village to another. All day long they told the people in the villages and the towns the Good News of God's love for everyone. They answered lots of questions that people asked them about God, sometimes very hard ones.

In the evening, they felt very tired. Sometimes they all went to a quiet, lonely place to eat, to share with each other what had happened during the day, to rest, to be quiet and still.

(based on Mark 6:7, 30-32)

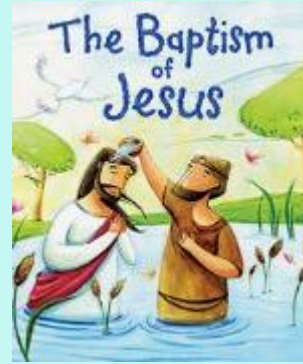
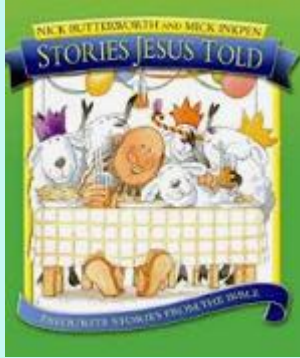
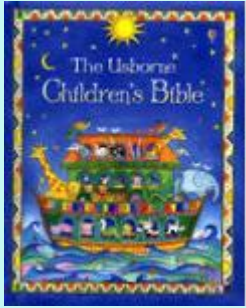


Each day this week provide time for the children to share the joys and challenges of being a friend. During prayer times this week, invite the children to talk to Jesus, their friend, in their own words.

- Q How do we know they are friends?
- Q What does the picture tell us about friends?
- Q What did Jesus and his friends do? (They worked, told people the Good News of God's love for everyone, answered questions.)
- Q Where did they go when they were tired?
- Q What did they do together? (eat, shared experiences, rested)
- Q Where do you go when you are tired?
- Q Who do you talk to about your experiences of the day? e.g. what has gone well/what has not.
- Q Where do you go to be quiet and still?



- Draw a picture of your friend, put *friendship* words (e.g. loving, kind, caring, sharing etc), around your picture and talk about what you like about your friend and what you do together.



- Find and read some stories about Jesus and his friends.
- Can you write or say a prayer to Jesus about how to be a good friend?



Jesus said, "I'm going to give you a new rule.

It's this: Love one another. I love each one of you, and I want you to love each other.

When you're all happy together, everyone will know that you love one another, and that you are my friends."

Based on John 13: 34-35
God's Story 2

Share the story about Jesus' rule and talk about it. Is there anything which might make you not want to be friends with others? Talk about the things that can make you and others unhappy. Introduce saying sorry and what it means to forgive each other so we can mend broken friendships.

- Q What is Jesus' rule?
- Q What will happen when you are happy together?
- Q Why do you like your friends?
- Q What makes a good friend?
- Q What will help to mend a friendship?



➤ Can you make a friendship ring candle using playdoh?

This activity is to symbolise that Jesus is the lights of the world and the ring is our friendship bond.



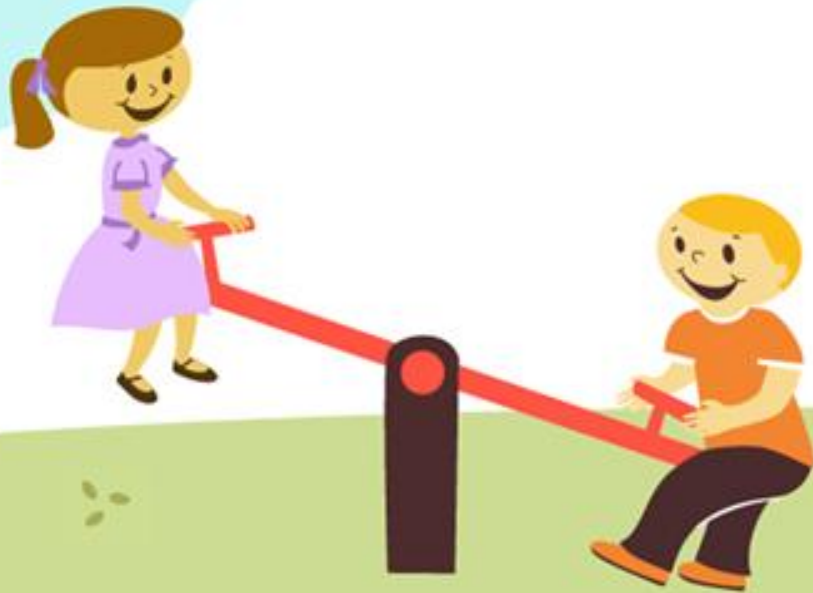
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- Make friendship cards to give to a friend.
- Role play falling out with a friend and making up by saying sorry.



Respond

Remembering, celebrating and responding to how we can make good friends, that Jesus had good friends and what Jesus tells us about friendship

Ask the children if there is anything they wonder about

- How friends make us feel happy, comfortable and glad.
- What breaks and mends friendships.
- How Jesus is our friend.

Provide the opportunity, possibly by one of the means above, for the children to remember

- It is good to have friends.
- What Jesus tells us about being friends.
- Jesus' new rule for friends.
- How we can change and say sorry and forgive each other.

