



Suggested Extension Activities (15-20 minutes each)

The following activities support the Introductory lesson of the Friendship Fixer model for conflict resolution and friendship building skills. They are geared toward Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Choose the one(s) that work best for the developmental stage of your student group.

Goals:

- (1) Reinforce the importance of strong, healthy friendships in all our lives.
- (2) Engage the students in seeking out positive friendship examples and sharing with classmates about their findings.
- (3) Provide an opportunity for creativity and individual expression through poetry, art, and music.



“Friendship Story” - Extend the lesson by reading a book about friendship and discuss what they hear or see in the story that speaks to positive friendship characteristics.



“FRIEND” - Ask students to take the letters of the word “FRIEND,” and work in pairs or independently to list a character trait for each letter. Make an acrostic poem using each letter of the word at the beginning of each line in the poem. Compare and discuss.



“Friendship Mural” - Ask students to bring something that represents friendship. It could be a magazine clipping, book, photo, list of words, etc. Have the students share what they brought and why they think it represents friendship. Display them on a class mural or bulletin board.



“A Friendship Song” - Ask students if they know a song about friendship. Make a list of friendship songs. Possible songs are, “The More We Get Together,” “You’ve Got a Friend in Me,” or “Friends Forever.” Have students make a new verse of their own friendship song by using a familiar tune like Mary Had a Little Lamb, or Jingle Bells, etc.