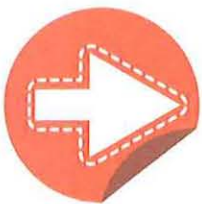
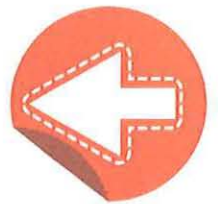




Meeting 14 Be a Good Friend



Here are three fun ways to teach Busy Bees about ways God wants them to be good friends. Adapt these activities to meet the needs of your Busy Bees or use your own activities.





The following activities fulfill the requirement for My World I: The World of Friends. See the Busy Bee Activity Book for accompanying worksheet(s).

ACTIVITY

1

Cooperation Tulips

15
MINUTES

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Paper, 12 × 18 in (30.5 × 46 cm)
- Pencils
- Tempera paint
- Containers for paint
- Paintbrushes
- Cups of water
- Smocks
- Newspaper

WHAT YOU DO

Ahead of time: Cover the work area with newspaper.

Begin by reciting Isaiah 41:6 (NIV) together: “They help each other and say to their companions, ‘Be strong!’” After the verse, spend a few minutes discussing the meaning of cooperation. Next, show the children a completed tulip handprint and give each child a piece of paper. Place the long side of the paper in front of each child. Begin by having the Busy Bee trace his or her hand onto the paper. This will be the tulip flower. Ask each Busy Bee to help at least one other Busy Bee by tracing his or her hand on another child’s picture. Each Busy Bee can sign under their handprints so they can all remember who cooperated with them to create their picture. Make sure each child has three or four tulip tracings on his or her paper. Have them finish their pictures by drawing stems and leaves. Once all the parts of the flower are traced onto the paper, the children can paint their flowers. Recite Isaiah 41:6 at the end of the activity.



Playing Together

10
MINUTES

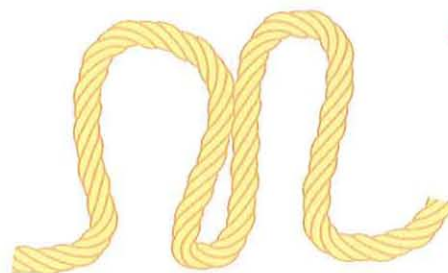
WHAT YOU DO

Begin by asking your Busy Bees to give you ideas about how they can help each other play nicely, cooperate, and help each other. Make a list of their ideas. Then group the children in twos or threes and gather them inside a hula hoop or loosely tie them together with rope. Create a simple obstacle course of chairs for them to walk through or assign them tasks such as getting a drink of water, untying and tying their shoes, putting on a jacket, etc.

2 ACTIVITY

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Marker or chalkboard
- Large hula hoops or rope
- Chairs or other objects for an obstacle course



ACTIVITY

3

Alike and Different: It's All Good

20
MINUTES

MATERIALS NEEDED

- Butcher paper
- Markers
- Fabric scraps
- Yarn
- Buttons
- Glue
- Magazine pictures
- Camera

WHAT YOU DO

This activity will help Busy Bees learn that everyone has qualities that are similar and different, and it can be a lot of fun to get to know someone. Spend two or three minutes having adults role play asking questions that help them get to know another person. Then pair off your Busy Bees and have them ask questions to get to know each other. While the children are getting to know each other, roll out a piece of butcher paper large enough for two Busy Bees to lay side by side. When the children have finished getting to know each other, have them stay with the Busy Bee they were partnered with, lay on the paper, and trace an outline of each other (or have an adult trace them). Next, have them color and decorate the other child's outline. They can ask each other what colors to use as well as what type of decorations (such as yarn, ribbon, buttons, magazine pictures) they would like. When they are finished, have each Busy Bee list the things that are alike and different about themselves and their partner. Take a photo for each of them and hang their portrait in a multipurpose room or an area where others can enjoy it.



Requirement: My World I