

# Friends

## Preschool

### Lesson Plans

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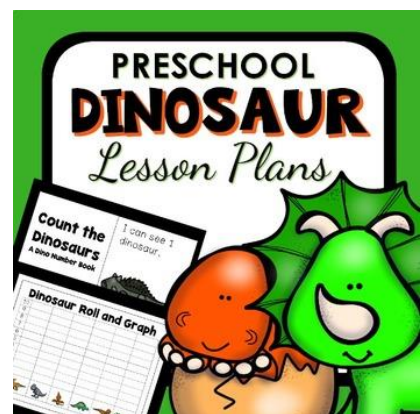
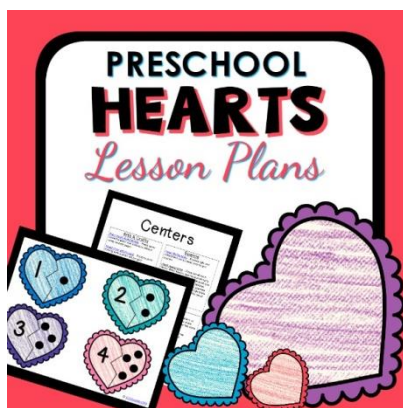
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# How to use these lesson plans

This lesson plan packet contains the following:

- Book list
- 1-page weekly lesson plan grid
  - Alternate weekly grids for 4 day, 3 day, and 2 day programs
- 5 daily lesson plan sheets
- 2-page centers explanation
- Printables

Use the **Book List** to stock your classroom reading center and choose which books you'll read aloud during the apple theme.

The **1-page weekly lesson plan** has ideas for center activities, read alouds, whole group lessons, small group math lessons, small group science lessons, and small group literacy lessons.

The **alternate lesson plan sheets** are perfect for creating your own plans if you teach a 4-day, 3-day, or 2-day preschool program. Simply grab the items you'd like and arrange them to the calendar that's best suited for you. These sheets are editable – so you can type in the dates, days of the week, and activities. You can also just print the templates and handwrite your plans.

The **daily lesson plans** delve into the specifics of each lesson idea. Materials are included along the top of each daily plan. The days of the week and dates on these sheets are editable.

The **centers explanation** has more information about each center activity. There are 2 to 3 ideas for each center. Some teachers keep the same activities in each center for an entire week, while others like to change the activities a couple times a week.

You can pick and choose the activities that suit you and your classroom best. For example, maybe some of the small group ideas would be better done during your whole group time. You may decide to use some of the small group ideas during center time. Even though the plans are listed as one week, there are really enough activities to encompass an additional week or two if you incorporate non-themed activities.

Text highlighted in blue indicates a hyperlink. Click on the hyperlinked text to be taken to activities and ideas online.

# Friends Book List

Hooray for Hat! By Brian Won

Peanut Butter & Cupcake by Terry Border

Bad Apple: A Tale of Friendship by Edward Hemingway

The Snail and the Whale by Julia Donaldson

Knuffle Bunny Too: A Case of Mistaken Identity by Mo Willems

The Adventures of Beekle : the Unimaginary Friend by Dan Santat

Little Elliot, Big City by Mike Curato

The Gift of Nothing by Patrick McDonnell

Penguin and Pinecone: Friendship Story by Salina Yoon

My Friends by Taro Gomi

My Friend Rabbit by Eric Rohmann

Hunter's Best Friend at School by Laura Malone Elliott

Enemy Pie by Derek Munson

Bob and Otto by Robert Bruel

Owen & Mzee: The True Story of a Remarkable Friendship by Isabella Hatkoff

Descriptions of some of these books and more ideas can be found on Fantastic Fun and Learning's [Friendship Book list](#).



# Preschool Skills Checklist

		Buddy sound matching	Oil and water	Friendship color mixing	Collaborative STEM challenge	<a href="#">Melting names</a>	Going to the park game	Friend scavenger hunt	Sorting by size	Friend counting mats	Friendship bracelet patterns	Friend bingo	Kind words color resist	Friends beginning sounds	<a href="#">Classroom friends book</a>	Friends go together
Literacy	Print conveys meaning	X	X									X	X			
	Concept of a word	X	X										X			
	Letter knowledge			X	X							X	X	X		
	Left-to-right progression	X	X													
	Sight words			X								X				
Math	One-to-one correspondence						X									
	Patterns and sorting							X								
	Shapes and colors									X					X	
	Numeral knowledge						X									
	Measurement and graphing							X	X							
	Counting						X	X	X							
Science	Scientific observation and investigation					X									X	X
	Force and motion															
	Describe physical properties of objects					X									X	X
	Chemical reactions															
	Engineering														X	
Other																

# Friends Lesson Plans

Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Read Aloud	<u>Hooray for Hat</u>	<u>Hunter's Best Friend at School</u>	<u>Enemy Pie</u>	<u>Bad Apple: A Tale of Friendship</u>	<u>The Adventures of Beekle</u>
Whole Group	Friends ARE	Friends CAN	Friends SAY	Which friend is missing?	Compliment circle
Literacy	Friends go together like . . .	<a href="#">Classroom friends book</a>	Friends beginning sounds	Kind words color resist art	Friend bingo
Math	Friendship bracelet patterns	Friend counting mats	Sorting by size	Friend scavenger hunt	Going to the park math game
Science	<a href="#">Melting names</a>	Collaborative STEM challenge	Friendship color mixing	Oil and water	Buddy sound matching

				CENTERS
<u>Arts &amp; Crafts</u> Friendship garland Friendship quilt	<u>Science</u> Sense of touch game Homes for friends STEM	<u>Pretend Play</u> Birthday party with friends At home with friends	<u>Literacy</u> Building friends' names Letter puzzles	
<u>Math</u> Number cards Friendship pattern cards	<u>Sensory</u> Kind words sensory bin Feeling sensory bottles	<u>Building</u> Friendly demolition Friend blocks		

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## Materials

Yarn or string; beads or cut up pieces of straws; water; salt

## Read Aloud

Hooray for Hat

## Whole Group Activity

### Friends ARE

Start a class chart with "Friends" as the title. Make three columns under the title – "Are", "Can", and "Say".

Today brainstorm ideas for the ARE column. Friends ARE (describing words, character traits, etc.).

## Small Group Literacy

### Friends go together like . . .

Brainstorm things that go well together.

Title the chart "Friends Go Together Like..." (Some ideas – peanut butter and jelly, cake and ice cream, sunshine and rainbows, etc.). Follow up with a drawing activity where kids draw themselves with a friend and something from the chart.

## Small Group Science

### Melting names

If you have an alphabet ice cube tray, make ice letters for each child's name. Have the kids help. If desired, let them add liquid watercolors or food coloring to the letters. If you don't have a letter ice cube tray, freeze magnetic letters in small containers of water (one container for each student – with the letters to make up the kids' names). Freeze the names overnight. The next day, encourage the kids to use different water temperatures and salt to either melt their friends' names or reveal the magnetic letters needed to make their friends' names.

## Small Group Math

### Friendship bracelet patterns

Use yarn or lanyard string as the bracelet foundation. Children can use colorful pony beads or small pieces cut from straws to make friendship beads. Incorporate math by reviewing patterns. Have the children make patterns within their friendship bracelets.

## Materials

STEM materials; math manipulatives

## Read Aloud

Hunter's Best Friend at School

## Whole Group Activity

### Friends CAN

Add to yesterday's chart, this time filling in the column "CAN". Friends CAN (things friends can do together).

## Small Group Literacy

### Classroom friends book

Make a class book about all of the friends in the classroom. Each child has a page. Have each student add a sentence to his/her page – "I see (name)." or "Here is (name)." Depending on your students, you could write the sentence or have the children write part of it. Then have kids add a photo of themselves to their pages.

## Small Group Science

### Collaborative STEM challenge

Children work in pairs for this challenge. Partners choose a STEM material (blocks, LEGO, gears, etc.) to build with and work together. Circulate to guide in teamwork and conflict resolution as needed.

## Small Group Math

### Friend counting mats

Use some type of "friend" manipulative for this activity – counting bears, family counters, counting people, actual photos of students, etc. Add the correct number of counters to each counting mat.



## Materials

Tempera paints

## Read Aloud

Enemy Pie

## Whole Group Activity

### Friends SAY

Add to Monday's chart, focusing on the Friends SAY column. Brainstorm helpful, encouraging phrases we can say to friends.

## Small Group Literacy

### Friends beginning sounds

With this sorting activity, children will match cards to the appropriate friend based upon initial letter.

## Small Group Science

### Friendship color mixing

Have children work in pairs or small groups. Each friend picks a different paint color. Then they mix their paints to see what color they create when they put them together. This can be done on paper or in paint cups to use for free painting when they finish.

## Small Group Math

### Sorting by size

Have the children sort the friends printables based upon size. Extend the activity by having the children line up from tallest to shortest (or vice versa).

### Materials

Vegetable oil (or baby oil); water;  
food coloring (optional)

### Read Aloud

Bad Apple: A Tale of Friendship

### Whole Group Activity

#### Which friend is missing?

Have a group of kids stand up. Then have the rest of the class cover their eyes. One child from the standing group hides. The rest of the class must figure out who is missing.

### Small Group Literacy

#### Kind words color resist

Use either plain white paper or the printable star for this activity. Have kids write a word from the "Friends ARE" column of the class literacy chart using oil pastel or white crayon. Then paint over with the word with watercolors. Display individually or make a hanging mobile with the creations.

### Small Group Science

#### Oil and water

Add water to a container. If desired, add food coloring to the water. Then add oil and ask kids to make observations about what they see. Mix up the liquids and watch as the oil and water separate. Explain that oil and water don't mix. This can be done in individual sensory bottles too. Use this as a way to explain that we don't always get along with everyone, but it's still important to be kind..

### Small Group Math

#### Friend scavenger hunt

Use the printable chart to make a scavenger hunt for the children. Have kids find friends who . . . (some possibilities – like chocolate ice cream, have seen snow, play soccer, have 2 siblings, etc.). When finished, extend the activity and make a class chart to summarize and discuss the data.

## Materials

Plastic eggs (or other plastic containers); items for sounds

## Read Aloud

The Adventures of Beekle

## Whole Group Activity

### Compliment circle

Have the children sit in a circle. Take turns rolling a ball to a friend. Then give that friend a compliment. Continue around the circle until everyone has had a turn.

## Small Group Literacy

### Friend bingo

Use the printable bingo cards to make friend bingo. Add photos of the students to the bingo cards. Write students' names on sentence strips. To play, have each child in the group get a different bingo card. Pull a name and show it to the group. Have the kids work together to determine which friend's name is shown (giving hints if needed). If that friend's photo is on their bingo card, they cover the photo with a bingo chip (or other counter). The first to get bingo wins.

## Small Group Science

### Buddy sound matching

Make pairs of sound eggs using small items from around the classroom (for example, place rice in two plastic eggs, Lego pieces in two plastic eggs, etc.). Have children work with a friend to listen and match the eggs based upon the sounds.

## Small Group Math

### Friends going to the park game

Get the friends to the park so they can play together with this simple math game. Children roll a die or a printable number cube, and then move along the game that many spaces.

# Centers

## Arts & Crafts

Friendship garland – Have kids decorate a paper cut out of themselves. Then they can write/draw one way to be a good friend on a paper heart cutout. Attach the kids' hands holding the hearts to make a long paper garland to hang in the classroom.

Friendship quilt – Kids decorate a square piece of paper with various art/craft supplies. Combine the squares to make a friendship quilt. If desired, glue a picture of each child in the center of their square for added fun. Display the friendship quilt in the classroom.

## Science

Sense of touch game – Place different items found in the classroom into a shoebox (be sure to include different textures and shapes). Have the kids work in pairs. One person closes his/her eyes and holds out a hand. The other person chooses an item from the box and lets their friend touch it (eyes still closed). The friend with eyes open can give clues to help their friend figure out what the item is.

Homes for friends STEM – Work together to create homes out of various materials (Lego bricks, popsicle sticks, etc.). Use Lego minifigures, counting bears, or other friend manipulatives to live in the houses.

## Pretend Play

Birthday party with friends – Add party hats, plates, forks, and pretend birthday cake or cupcakes to the dramatic play center. Children can pretend to be at a birthday party for a friend.

At home with friends – Have the dramatic play center set up like a home. Children can pretend to be at home, having a play date with friends.

## Literacy

Letter puzzles – Children match up the uppercase and lowercase letters.

Building friends' names – Have children's names written on sentence strips. Children choose a friends' name and use magnetic letters to build the names.



# Centers

## Math

Number cards – Use the number cards to work on numerical order and counting. Add small toys or manipulatives to use with one-to-one correspondence.

Friend patterns – Laminate small photos of each child in the classroom (make multiple sets). Children can use their friends' pictures to make patterns. Alternatively, use a friend manipulative (counting bears, connecting people, family counters, etc.) to make patterns.

## Sensory

Kind words sensory bin – Make a friendship sensory bin using hearts, colored rice, and cotton balls (or pompoms). Add 2 sets of kind word cards. Children can explore the sensory materials and search for matching pairs of kind words. Alternatively, add magnetic letters so kids can make the kind words.

Feeling sensory bottles – Set up feelings sensory bottles. Have a different color for different emotions (for example, red for mad, blue for sad, etc.). These can be made simply with colored water, or each bottle can also be made with a different material (water, rice, waterbeads, etc.). Encourage children to discuss how to help friends if they are feeling sad, mad, etc.

## Building

Friendly demolition – Kids can work with friends to make, and then break, various structures. Take turns building and tearing down structures.

Friend blocks – Add children's photos to blocks. Kids can use the blocks as they build and play.

# Beginning Sounds

Print out the friends' name cards, as well as the picture cards. Cut them apart, and laminate them for durability.

Each friend likes things that start the same way as his/her name. Have the children match the picture cards to the friend cards based on the beginning sounds/letters.

Discuss how to find the first letter in a word and the sounds the letters make. Model how to isolate the beginning sound in a word.

To extend the activity, have the students come up with things that start with the same letter/sound as their own names.





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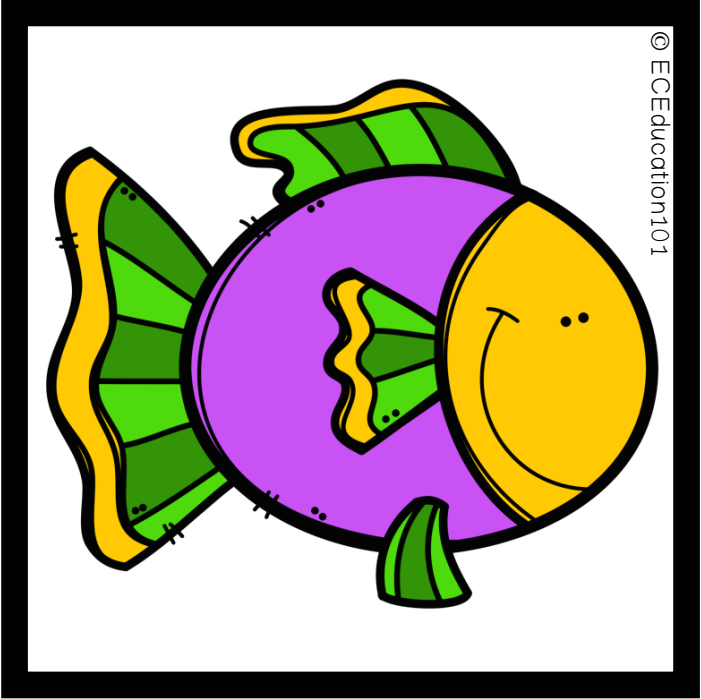
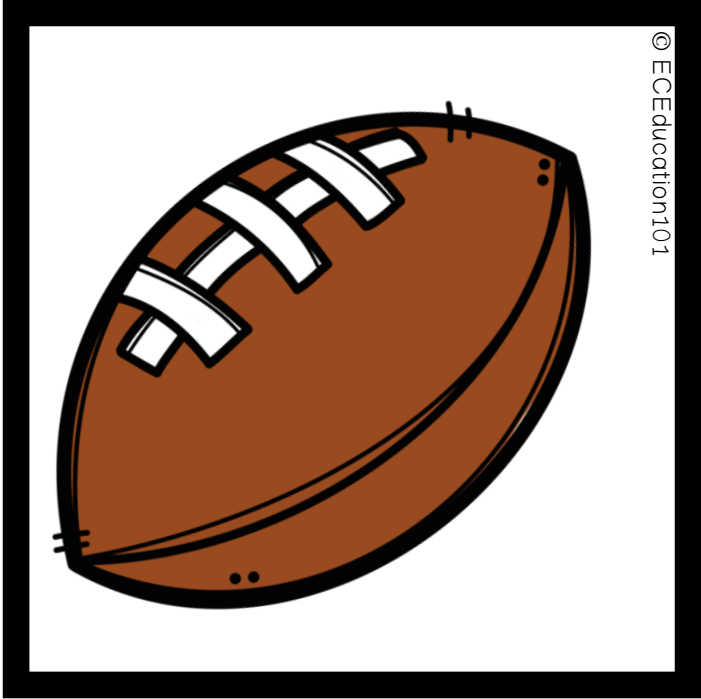
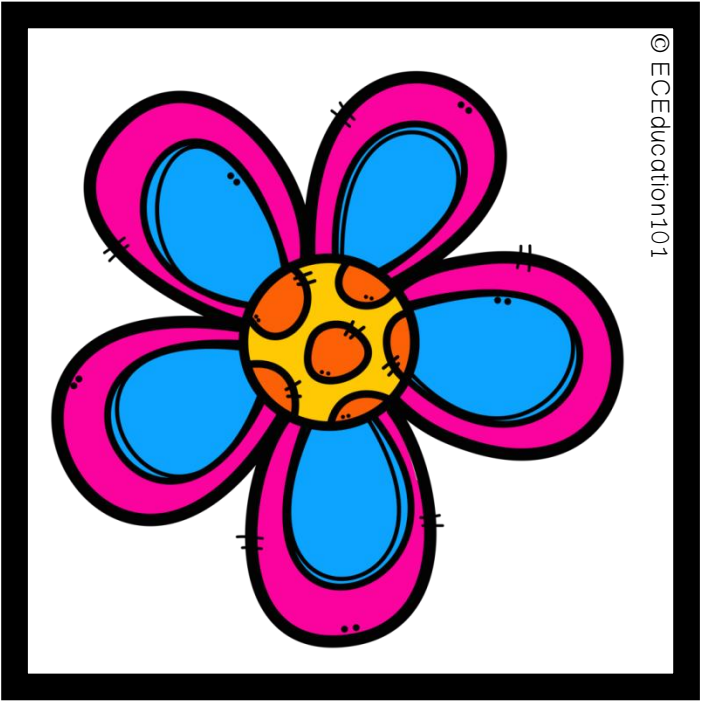
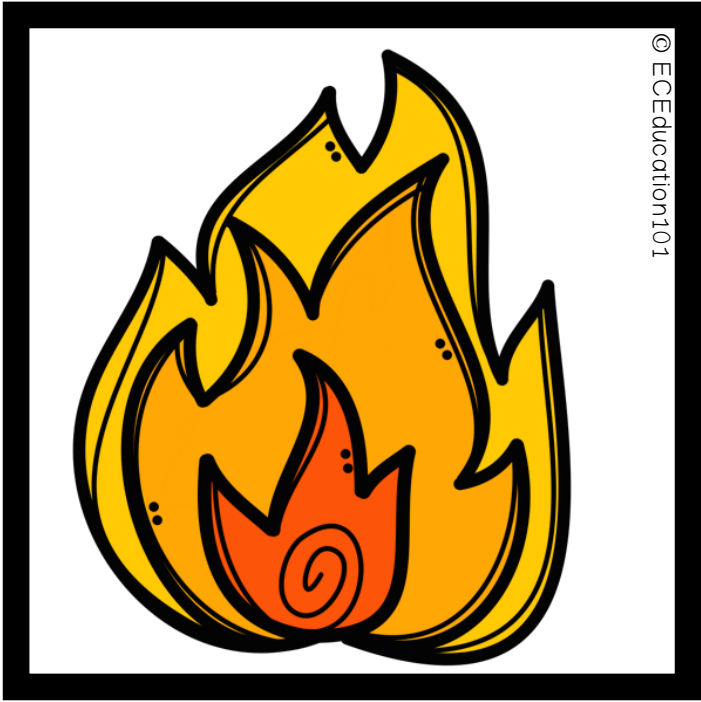
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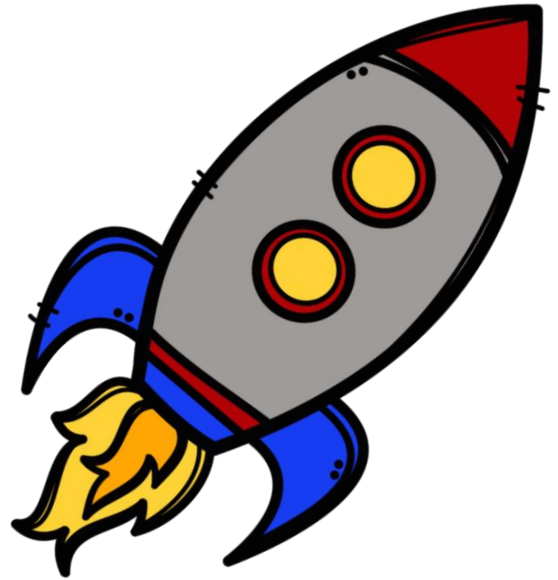
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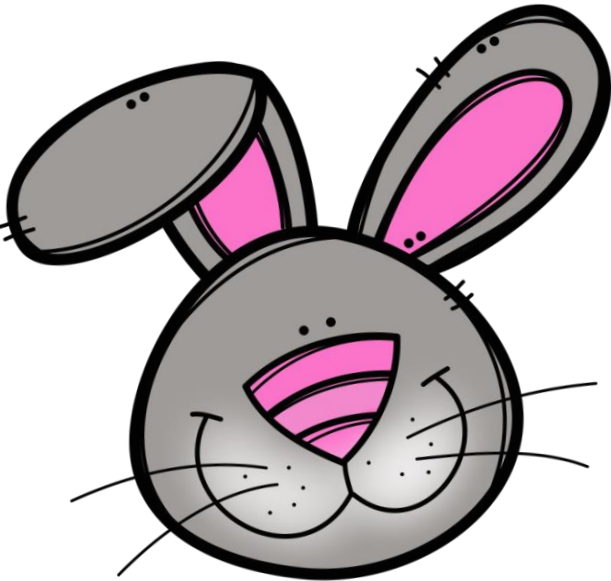
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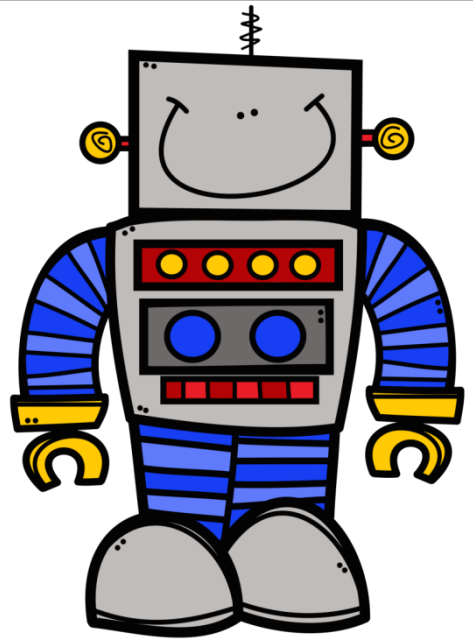
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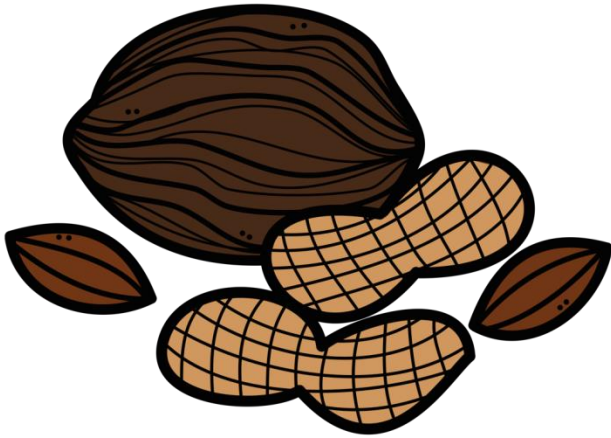


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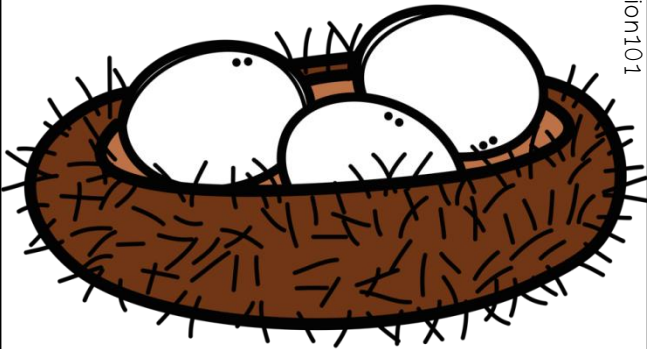
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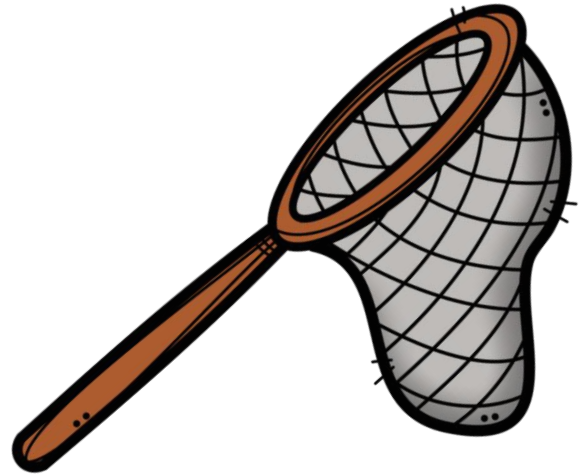
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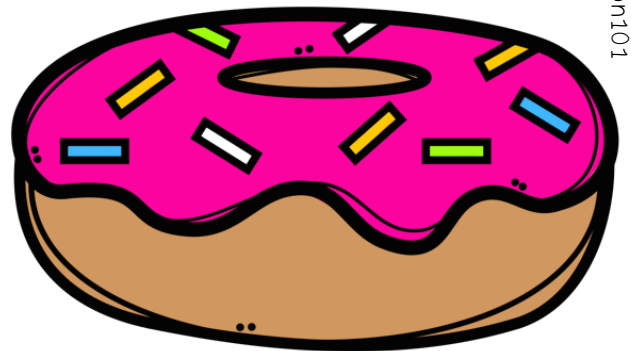
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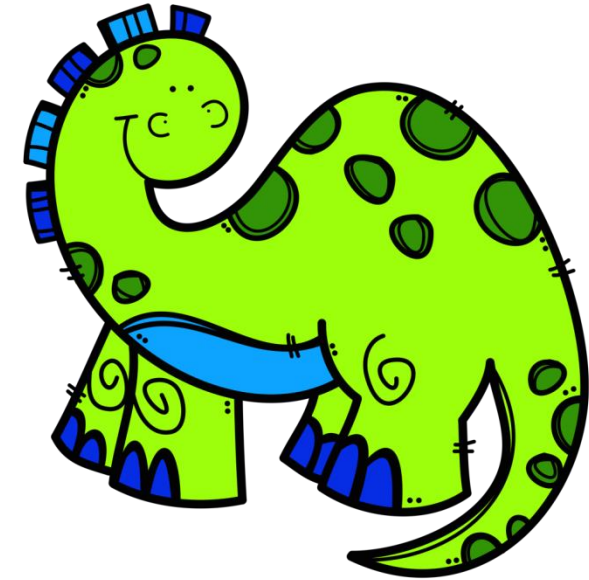
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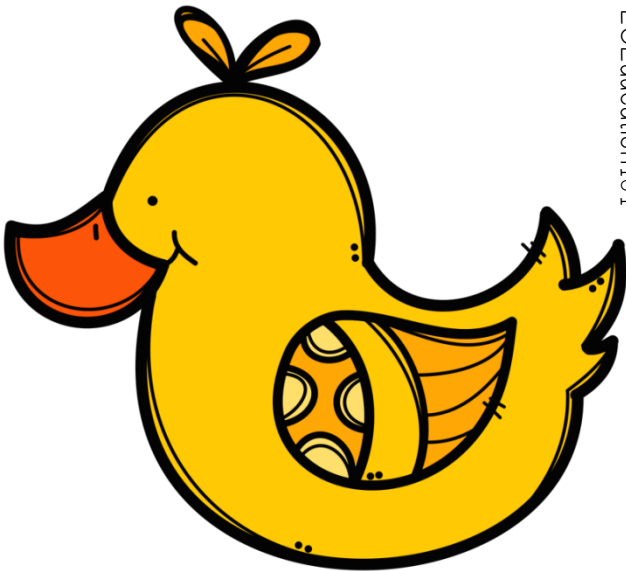
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# Friend Bingo

To make your own friend bingo sheets, start by printing out 4 or 5 of the bingo outlines. (You can make more if you want to, of course.)

Print out small photos of your students. Add individual pictures of your students in each bingo spot. Be sure to vary the photos so that each bingo card is different.

Once the photos have been added, laminate each of the bingo cards.

Write kids' names on sentence strips or strips of paper. Laminate those as well.

To play, pull a child's name. Have the children determine which name you pulled. Then they can check their bingo cards for that friend's picture. If they have it, they cover the picture with a bingo counter.





# Friend Bingo




# Counting Mats

Print out the counting mats you want to use with the children. Laminate the mats, or place them in plastic sheet protectors. This way, the counting mats will last longer.

Use any type of "friend" manipulative you have on-hand. Some ideas – counting bears, connecting people, family counters, etc.


Have the kids say which number is on their mat. After that, the kids count out the correct number of manipulatives for each mat. Encourage the kids to count their manipulatives to ensure they've added the right amount.



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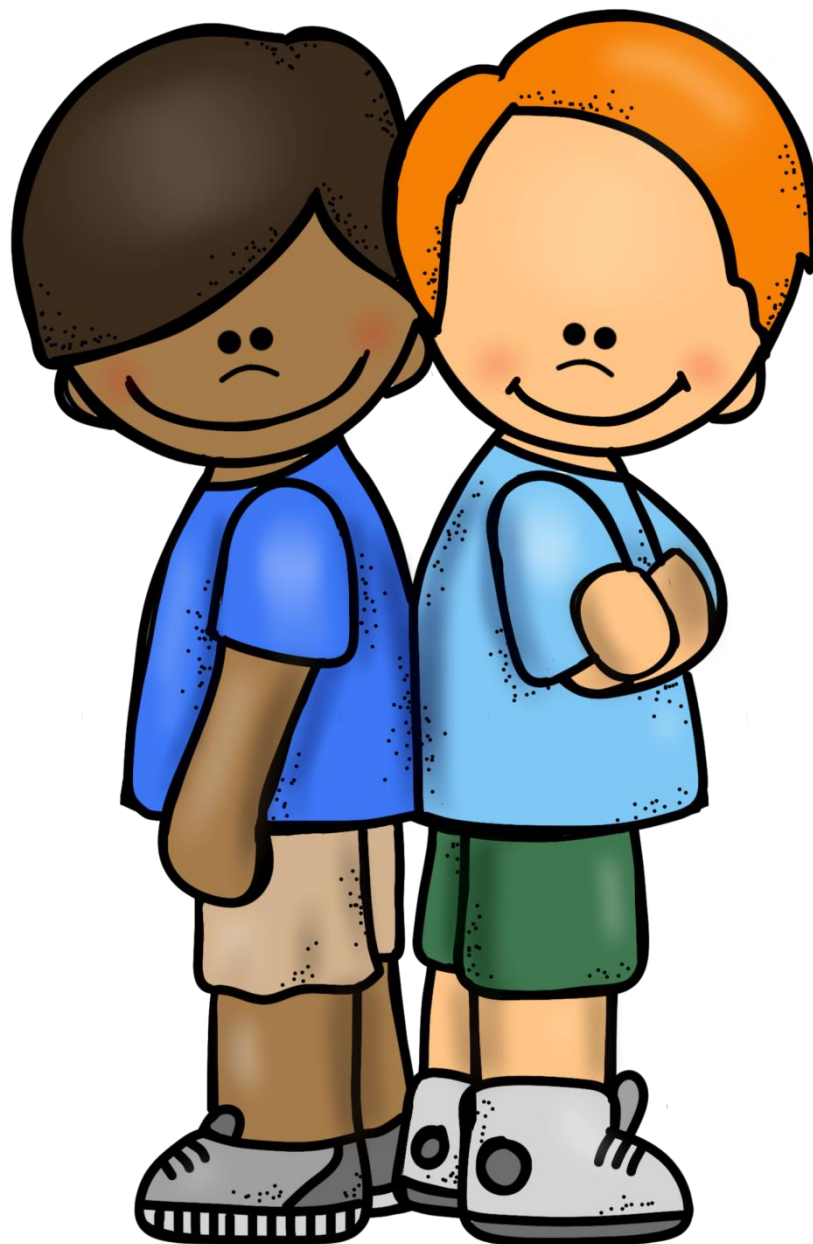
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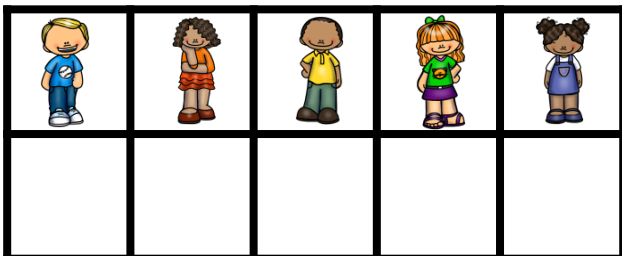




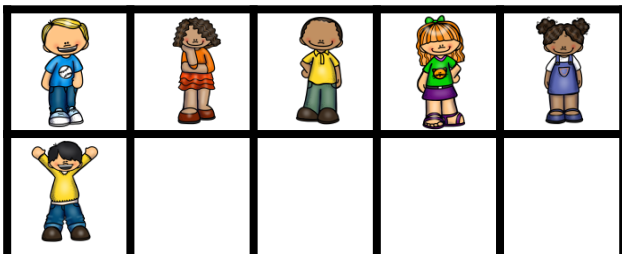
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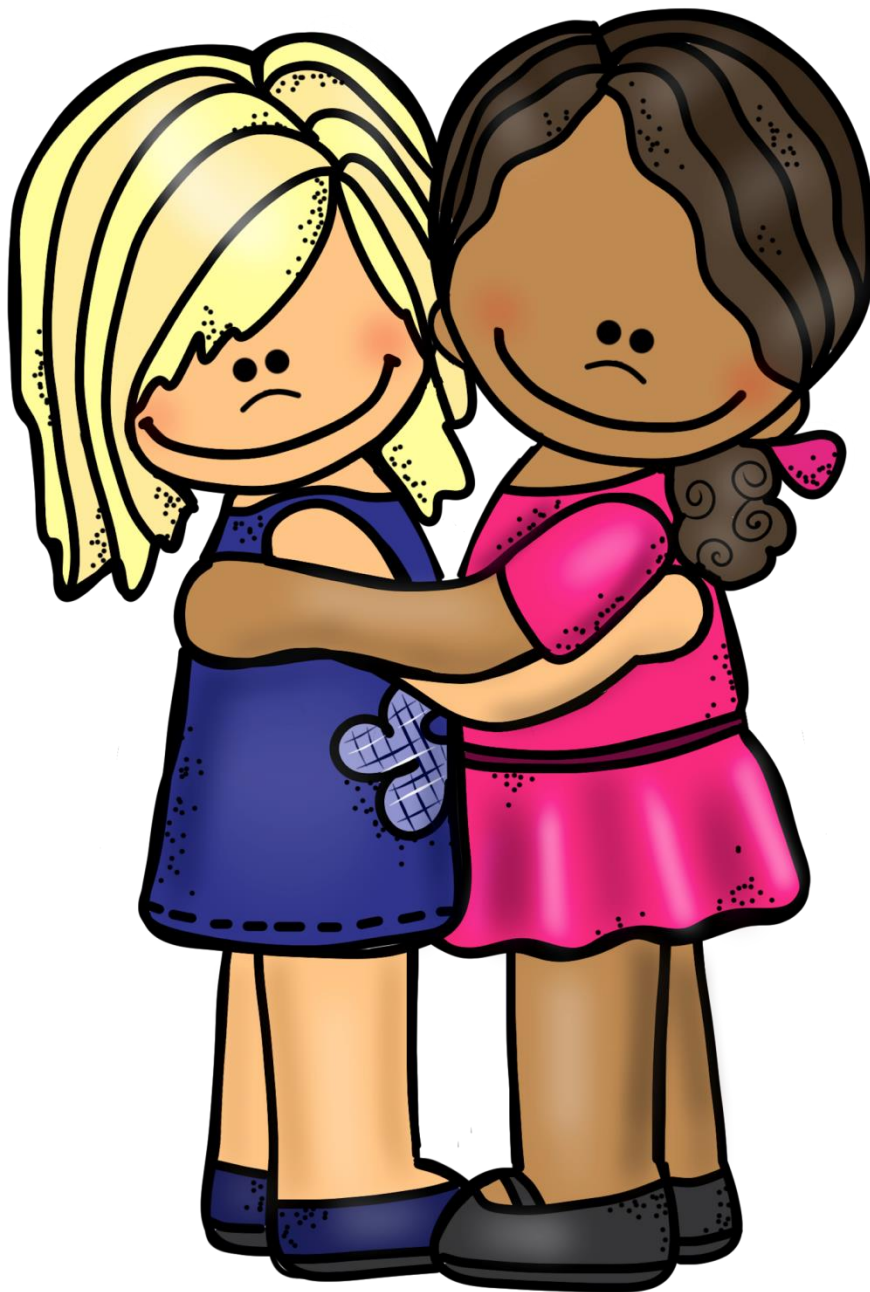
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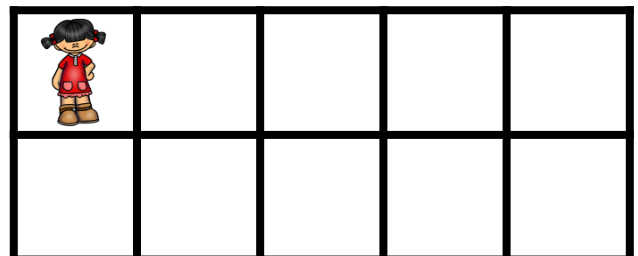
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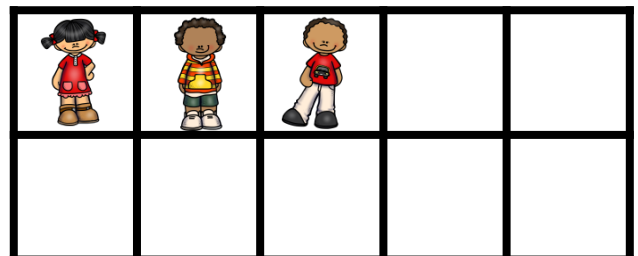
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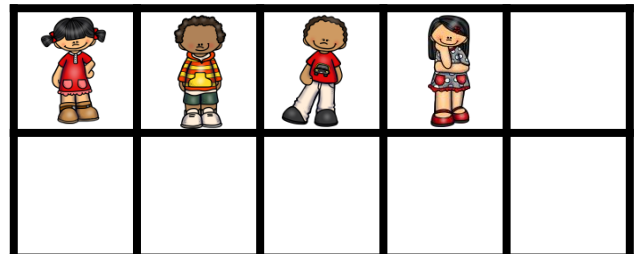




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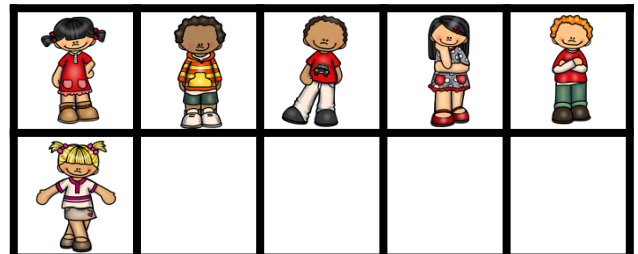
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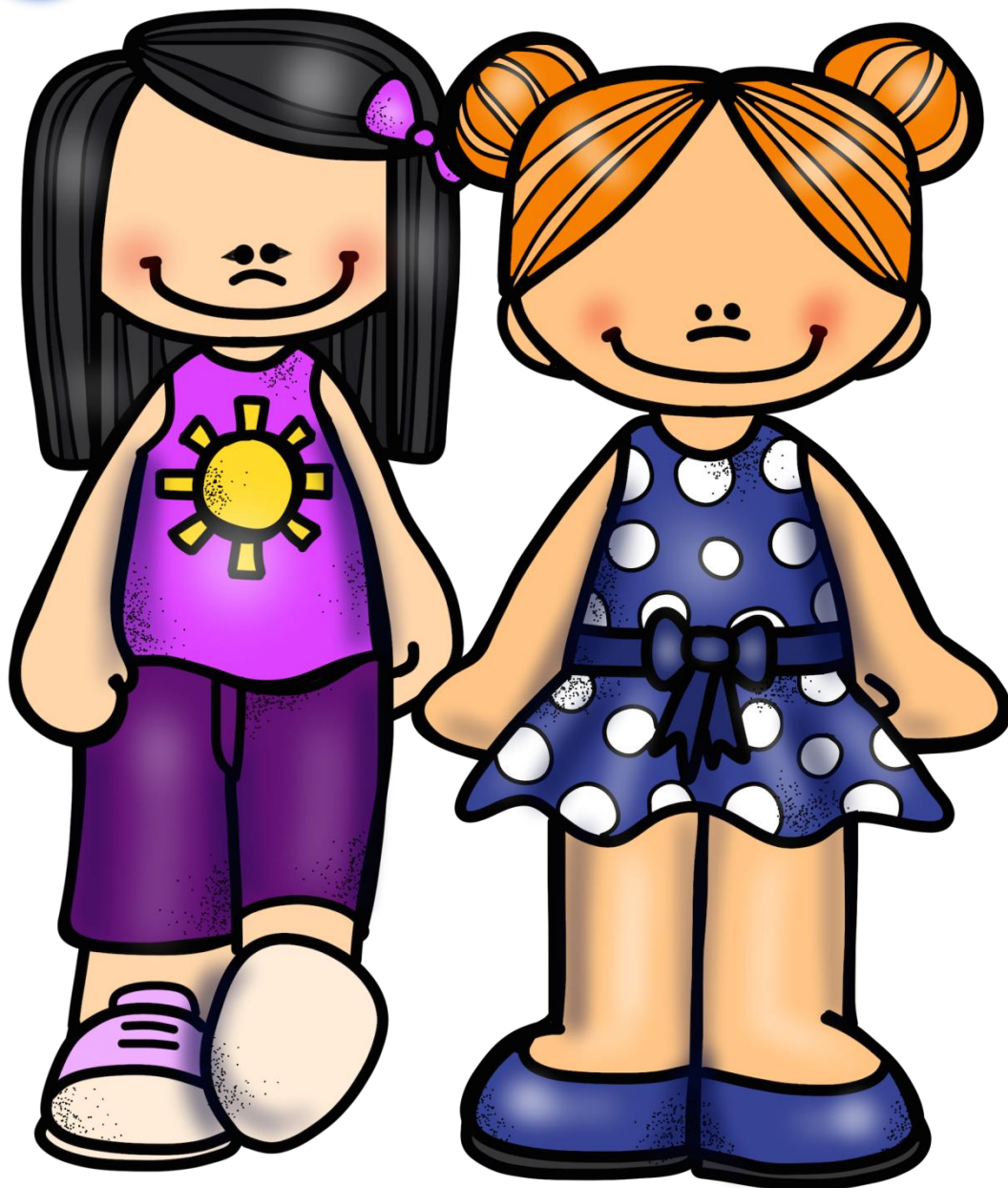
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# Number Cards

Print out the number cards. Cut them apart, and then laminate the cards.

Children can use the number cards for a variety of early math activities:

- Put the cards in numerical order from 0 to 35
- Use the cards during calendar time to explore counting and number recognition
- Pair with small toys or manipulatives to work on one-to-one correspondence
- Pair with a sensory writing tray to work on writing numbers
- Print out multiple copies and work on number matching



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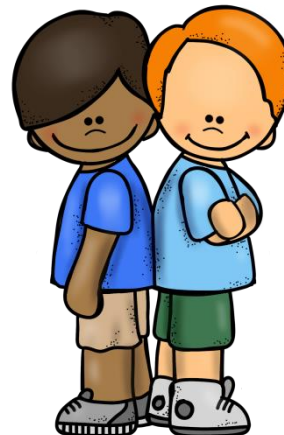
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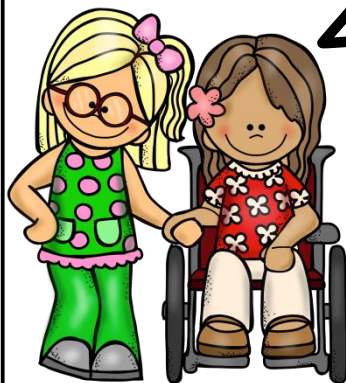
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# Scavenger Hunt

To make a scavenger hunt sheet that is personalized for your students, you have two options.

- (1) Print out the scavenger hunt outline and write in some clues (for example "likes chocolate" or "has brown hair").
- (2) Open the document in Adobe Reader. Click on each square and type in the clues you'd like to use.

During class time, have the students interview each other to see which friends fit for the clues. They can cross them off, have the friends write their names in the box, or they can write their friends' names in the boxes.



# Friend Scavenger Hunt

Find a friend who . . .


# Size Sorting

Print out the friends size cards. Cut them apart, and then laminate them for durability.

Talk with the children about what sorting means.

Have the children sort the printable friends based on size.

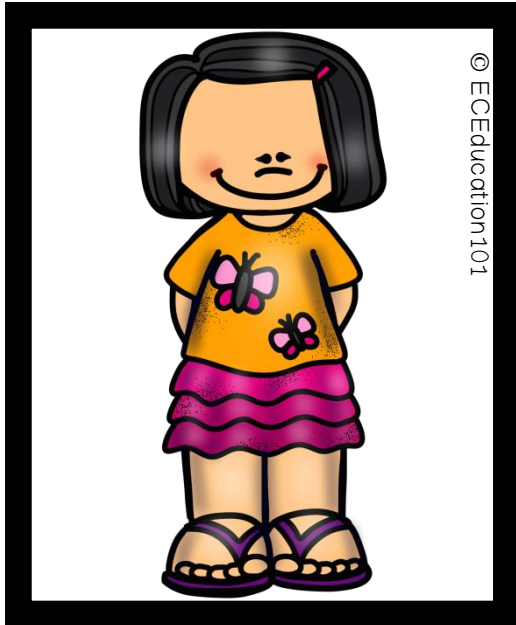
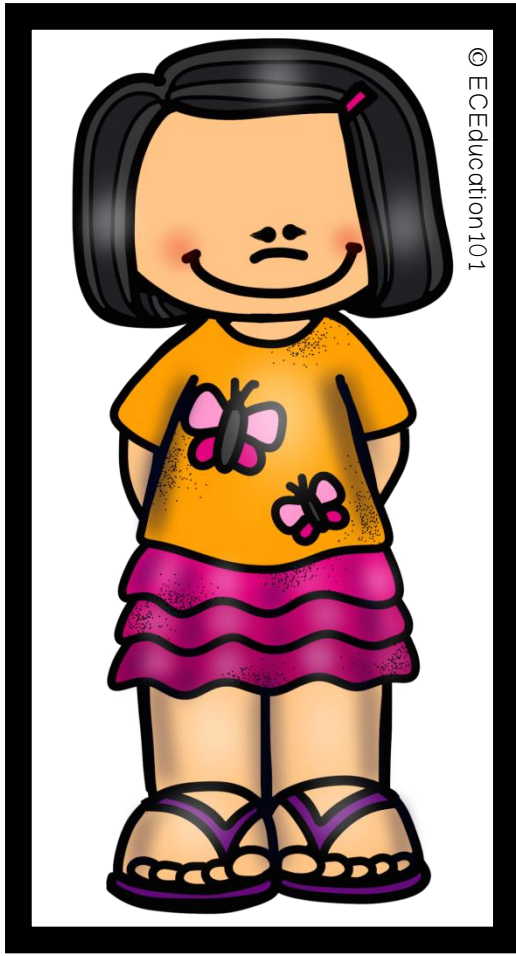
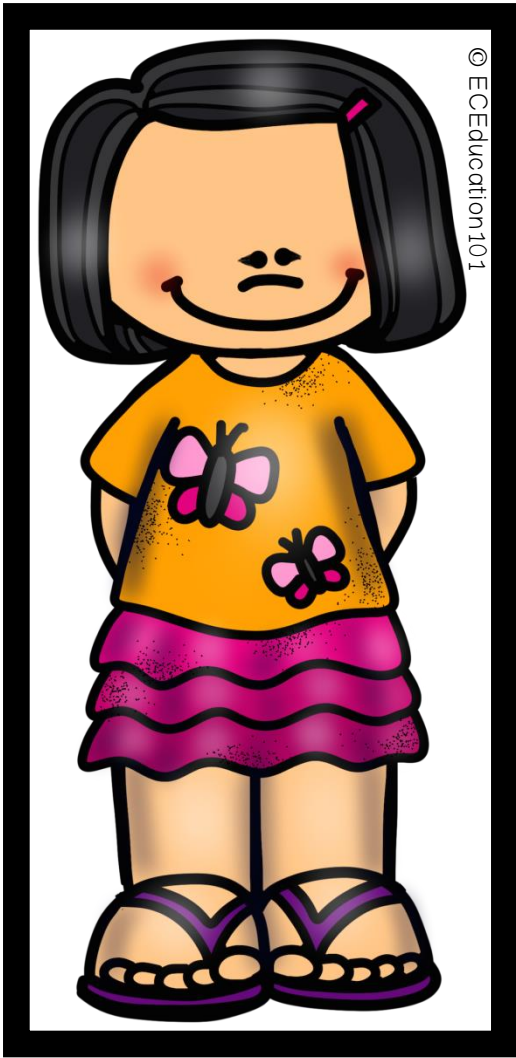
After all of the cards have been sorted by size, ask the children if there are any other ways they can think of for sorting the cards.

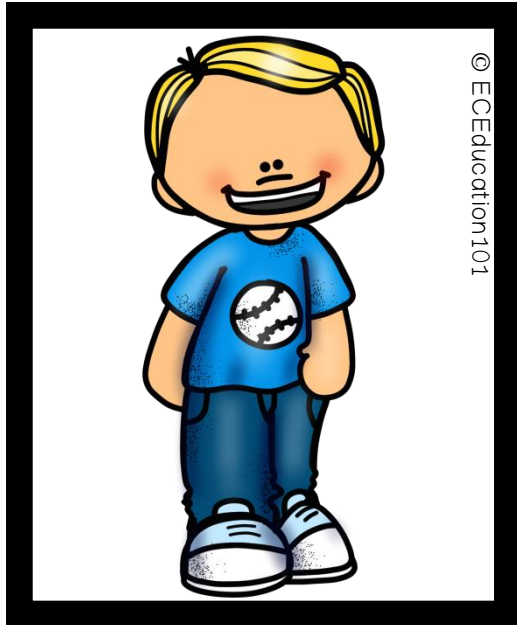
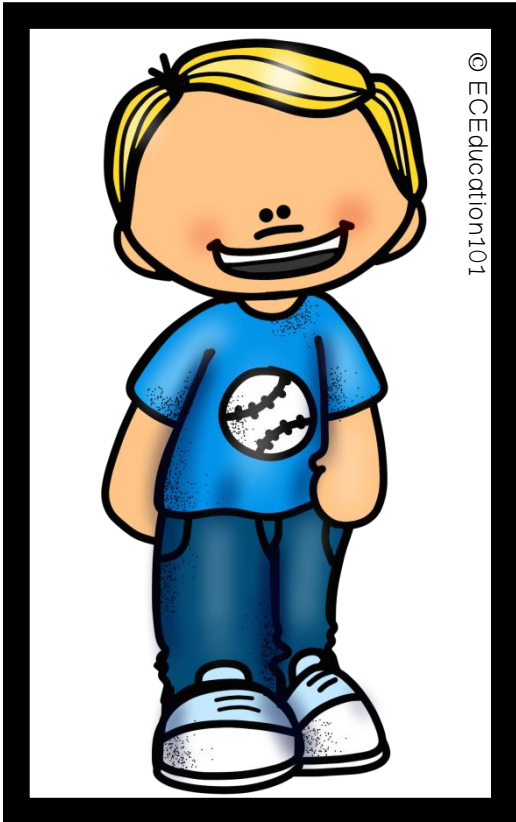
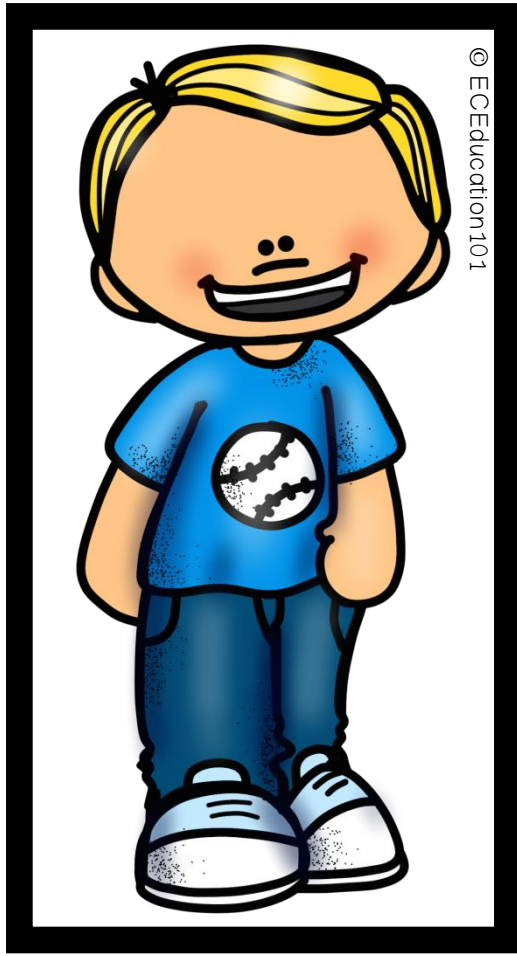
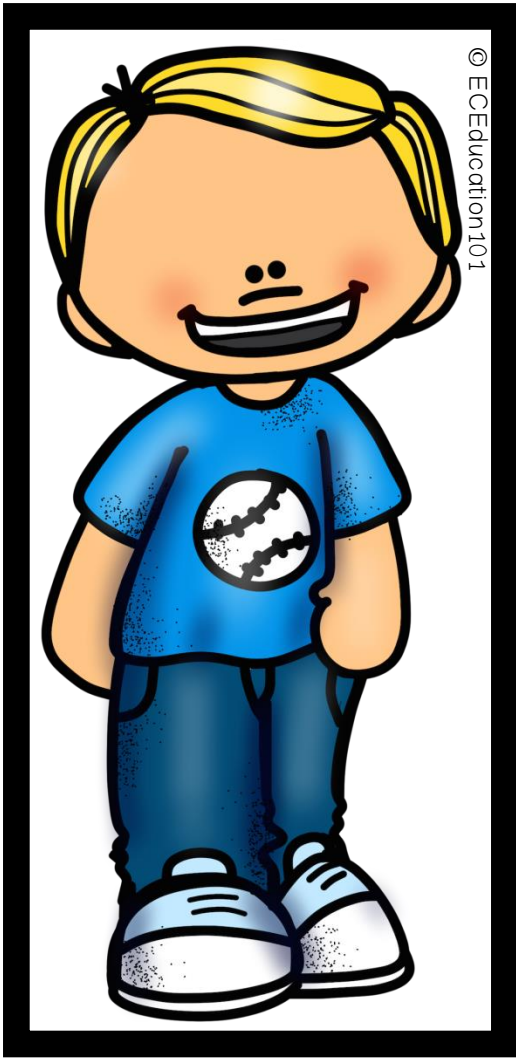
Extend the activity by having the children sort themselves, and by placing themselves into order from tallest to shortest.















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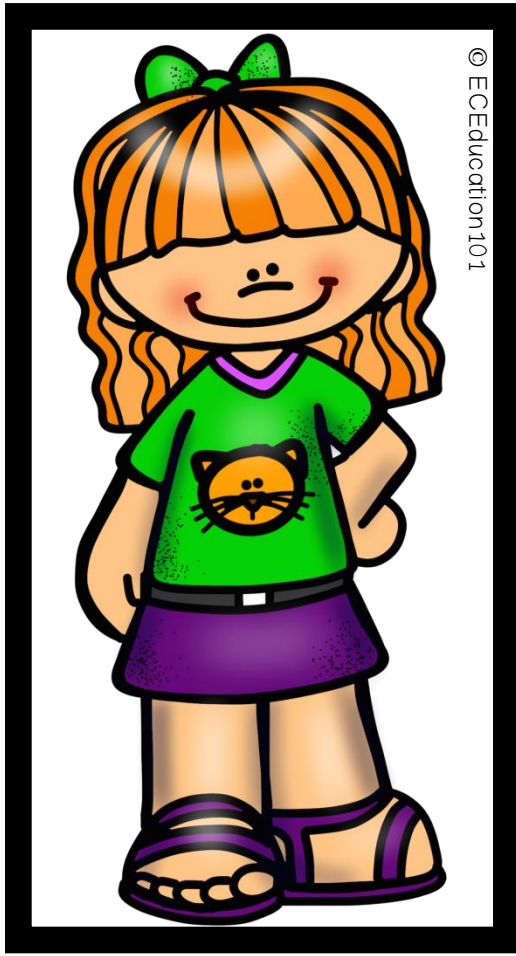
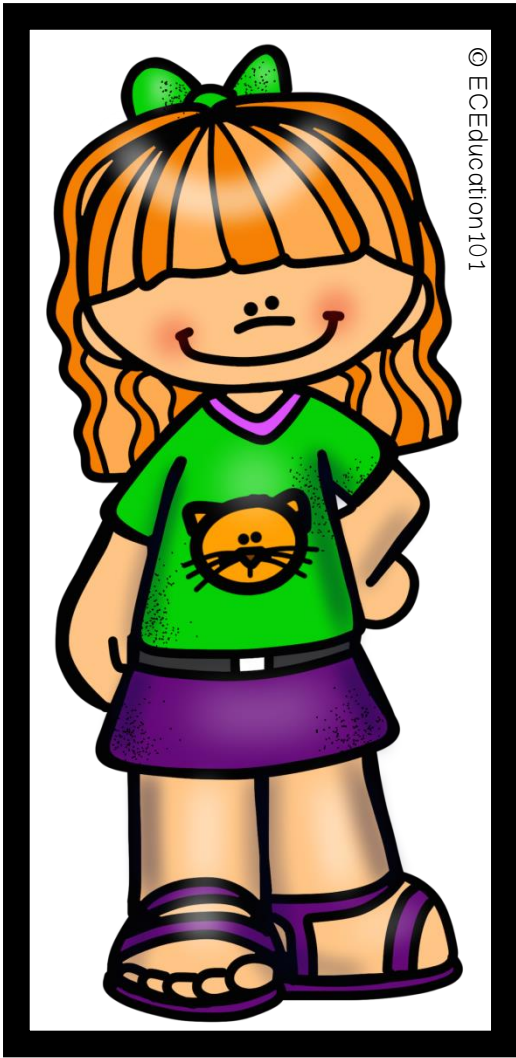
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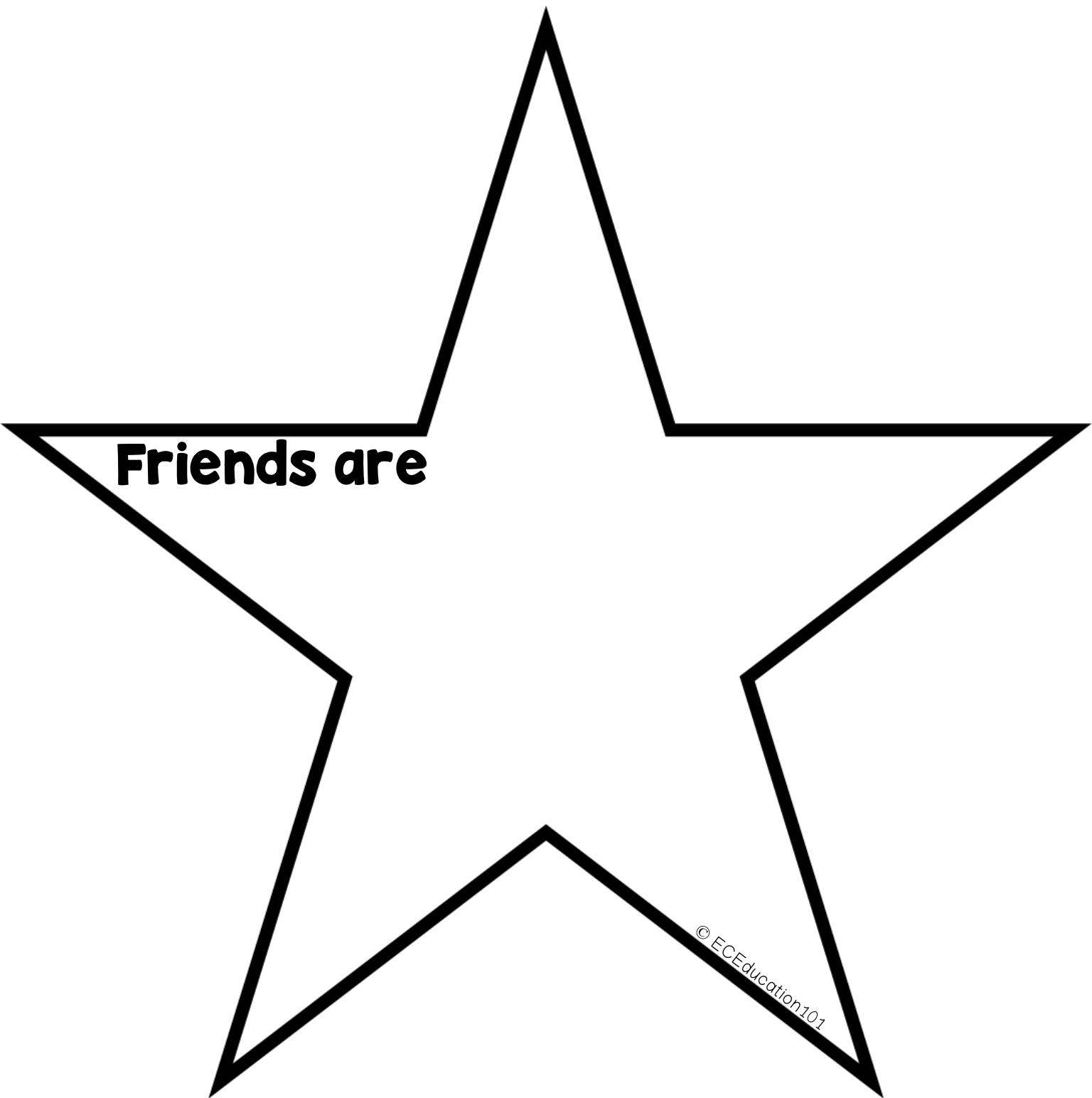
If desired, print out the "friends are" star, one for each student.

Have the kids use a white crayon or an oil pastel to write a kind word about friends in the middle of the star.

Then the children can use watercolors to paint over and reveal the kind word.

Alternatively, this can be done on plain white paper.





**Friends are**

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# Kind Words

Print out the kind word cards. Cut them apart, and laminate the cards for durability.

Use the blank cards to add more kind words that you and your students come up with.

Add the kind word cards to a sensory bin. If you include two sets of the word cards, the kids can search through the bin to find matching pairs.

Alternatively, add magnetic letters to the bin. Kids can search through the bin to make kind words.







**friend**



**kind**



**nice**



**please**



**thanks**



**love**



**like**



**smile**





**laugh**



**hug**



**share**



**play**





**good**



**great**



**yes**



**help**

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# Friend Letter Puzzles

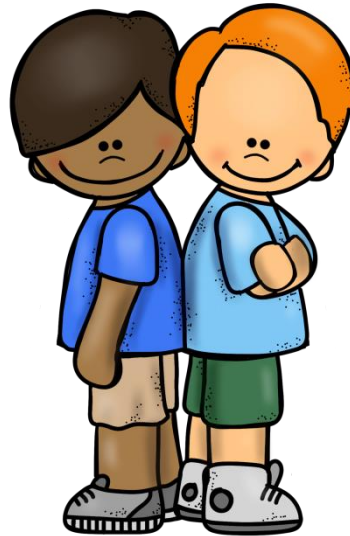
Print letter cards. Cut in half diagonally, from the top-right corner to the bottom-left corner (so uppercase and lowercase are separate). Laminate for durability. Children match the uppercase to lowercase letters, like a puzzle.

A



a

B



b

C



c



D



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E



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F



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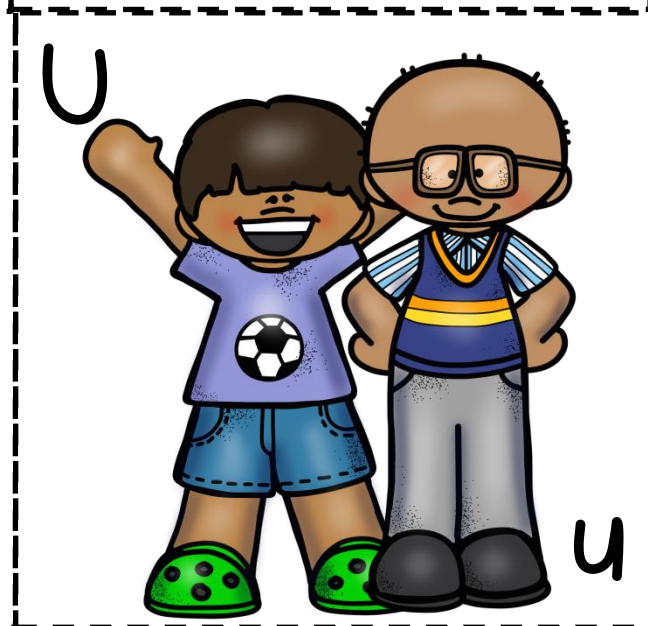
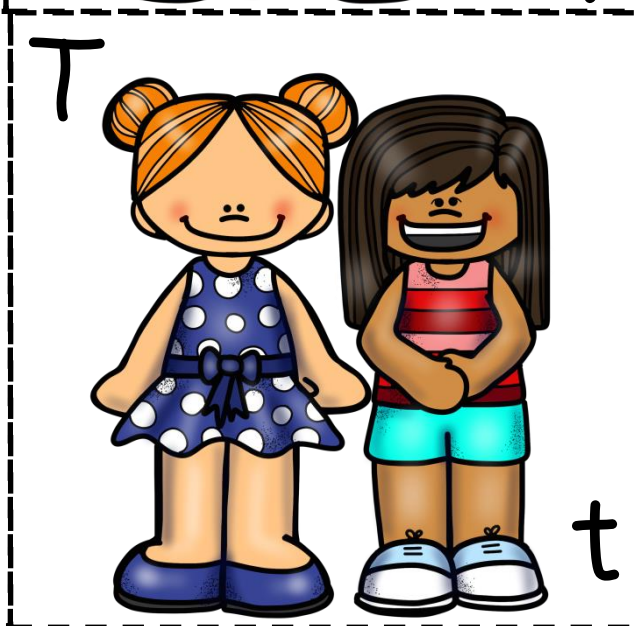
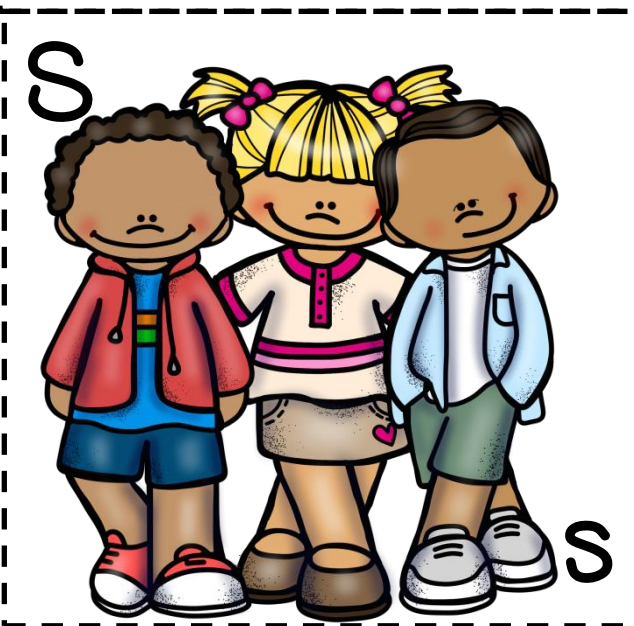
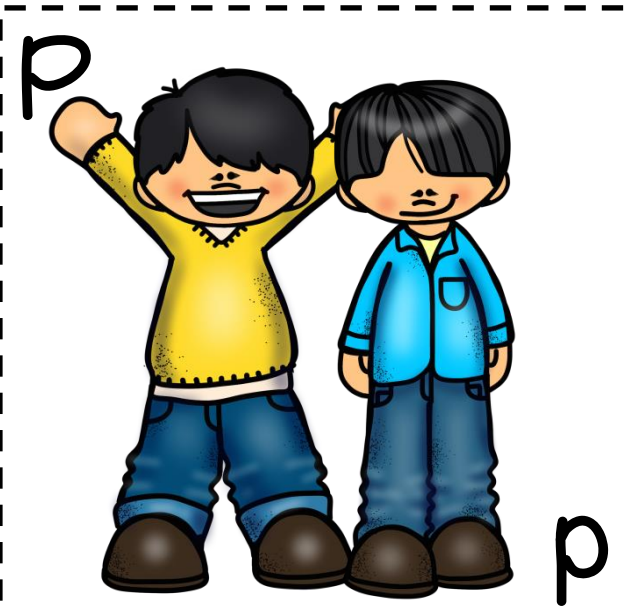
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# Going to the Park Game

Print out the board game. Laminate it or place it in a plastic sheet protector.

If using a number cube, print and assemble it.

Have each player choose a friend playing piece. This could be a counting bear or other math manipulative.

Children take turns rolling a die or number cube, and then moving their friend that many spaces on the board.

The player who gets to the end first wins.



# Going to the Park

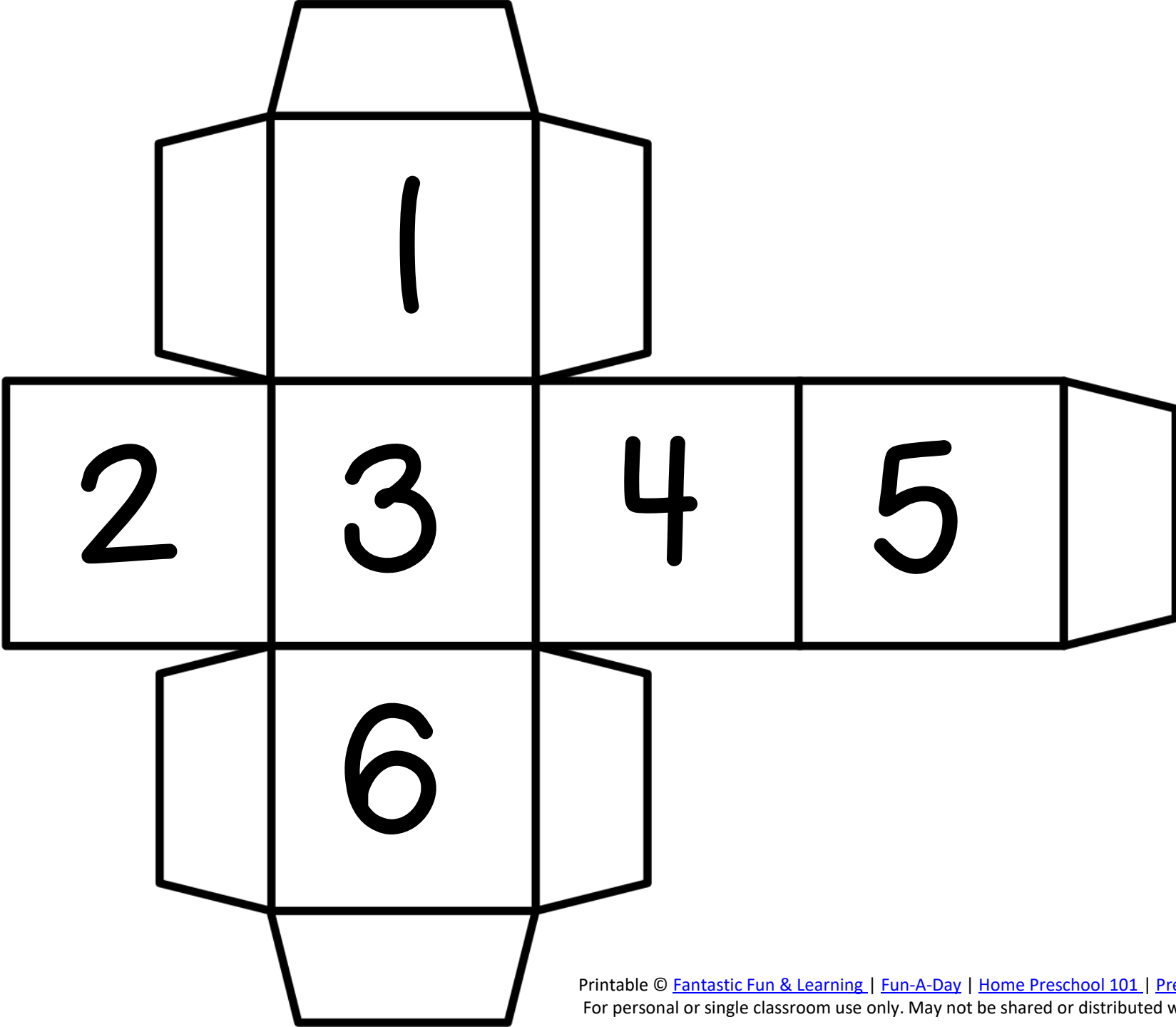


**FINISH**

**START**







# Friendship Garland

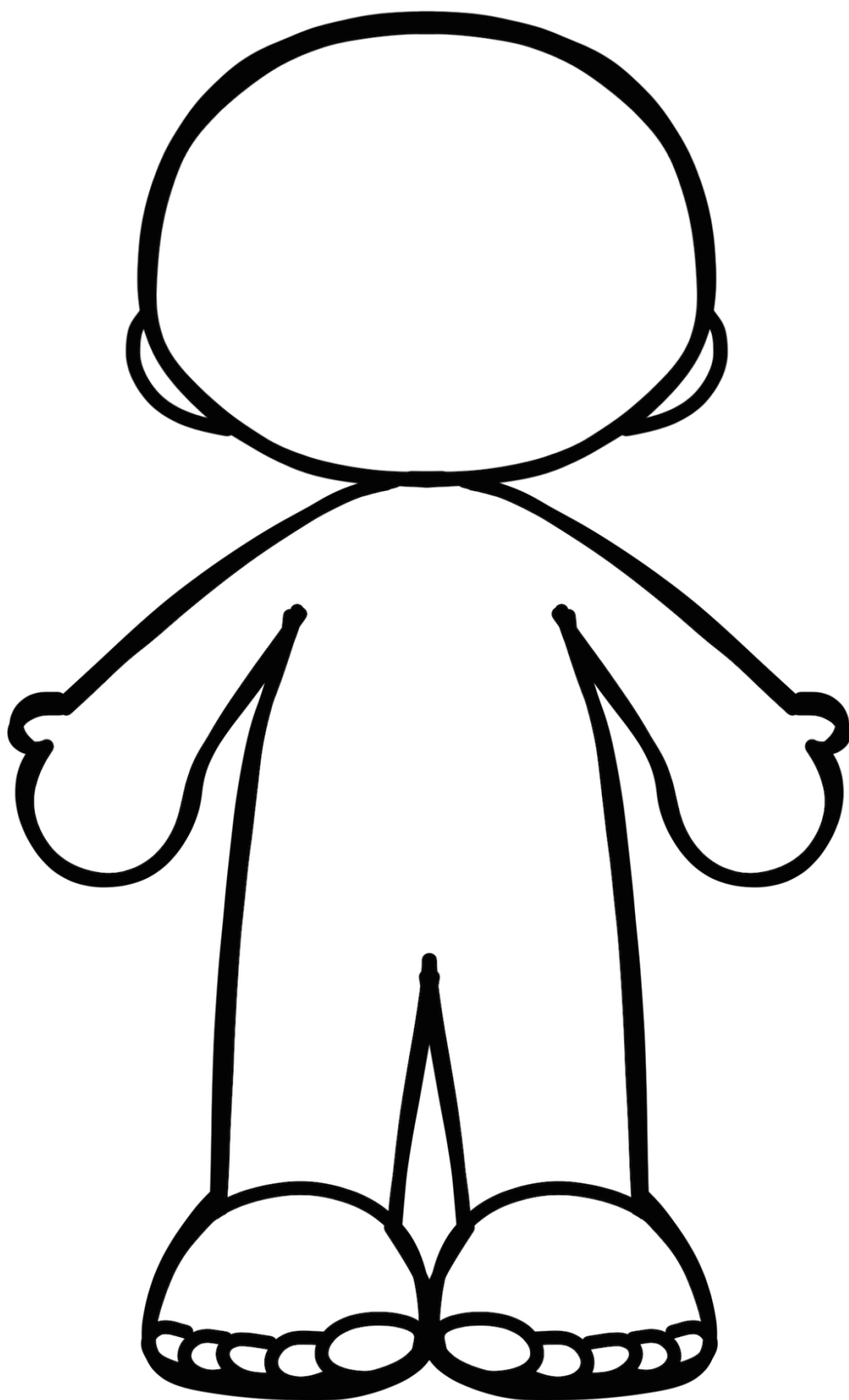
Choose which blank people you'd like to use with the students. Print it out the copies that you need. Do the same with the heart outline.

Have the kids decorate the blank people like themselves, using markers, crayons, or other art/craft materials.

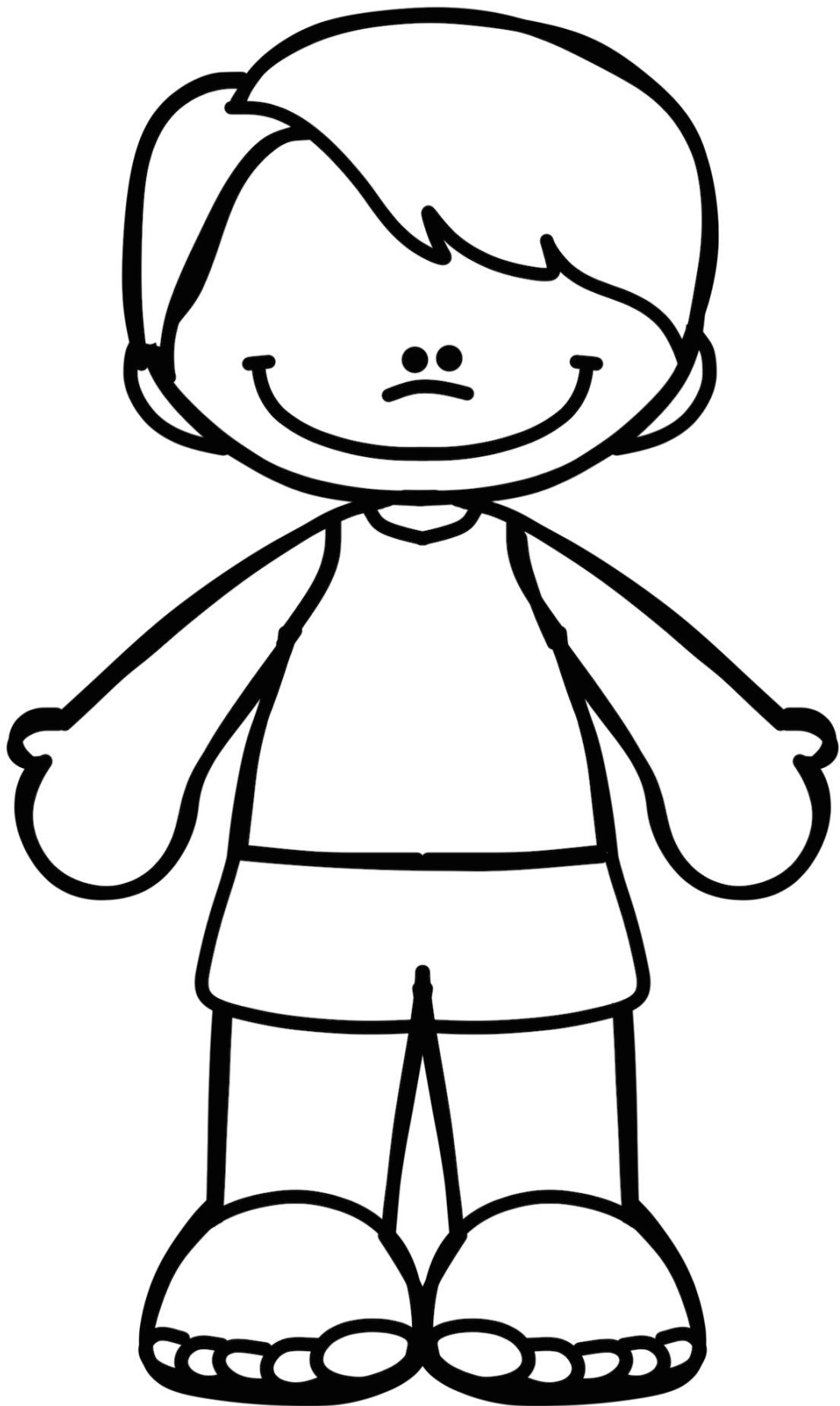
Then have the children write/draw a way to be a good friend inside one of the heart outlines.

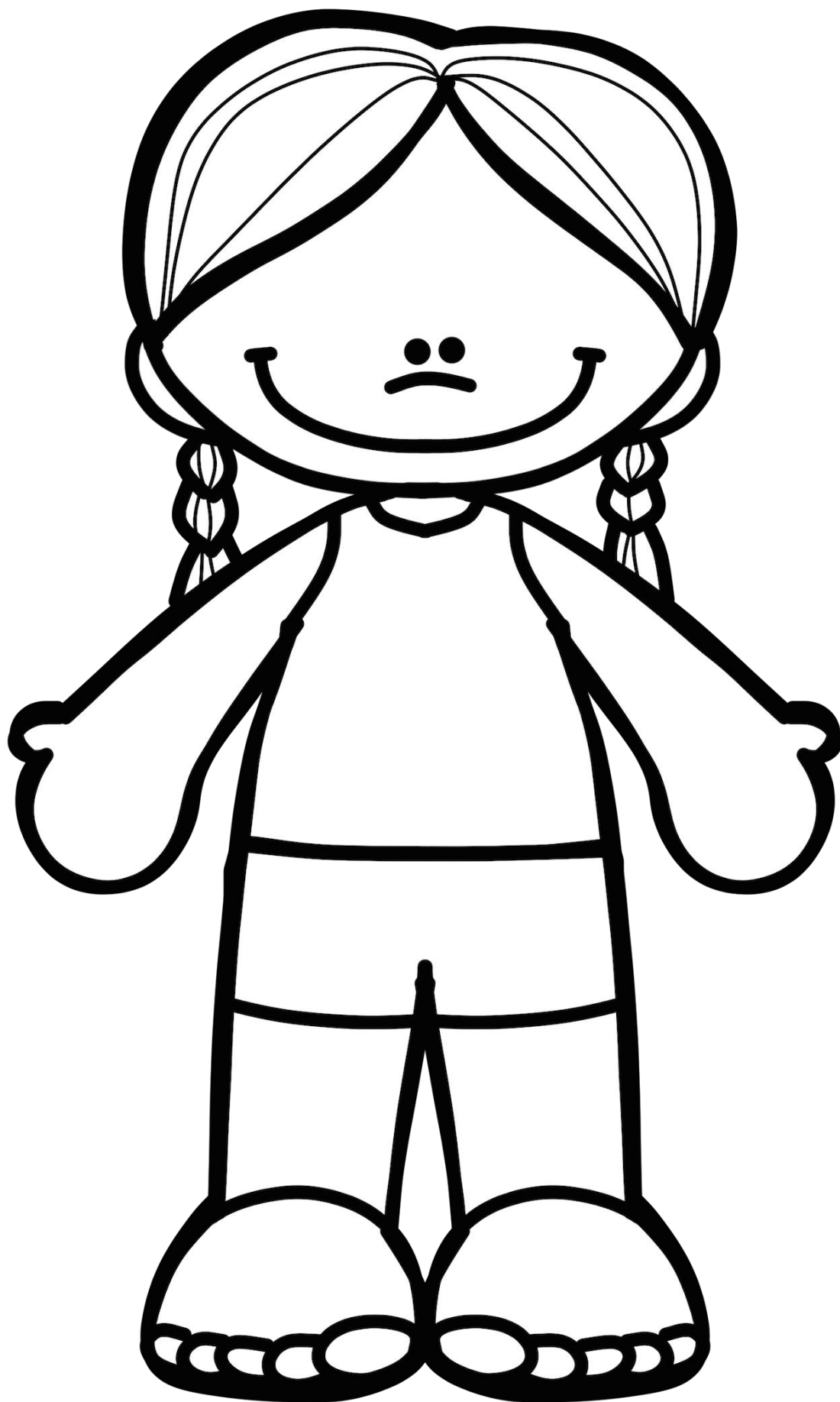
Once that's done, have the kids cut out their person and their heart. Make the kids' people into a friendship garland, with the hearts in between the people.

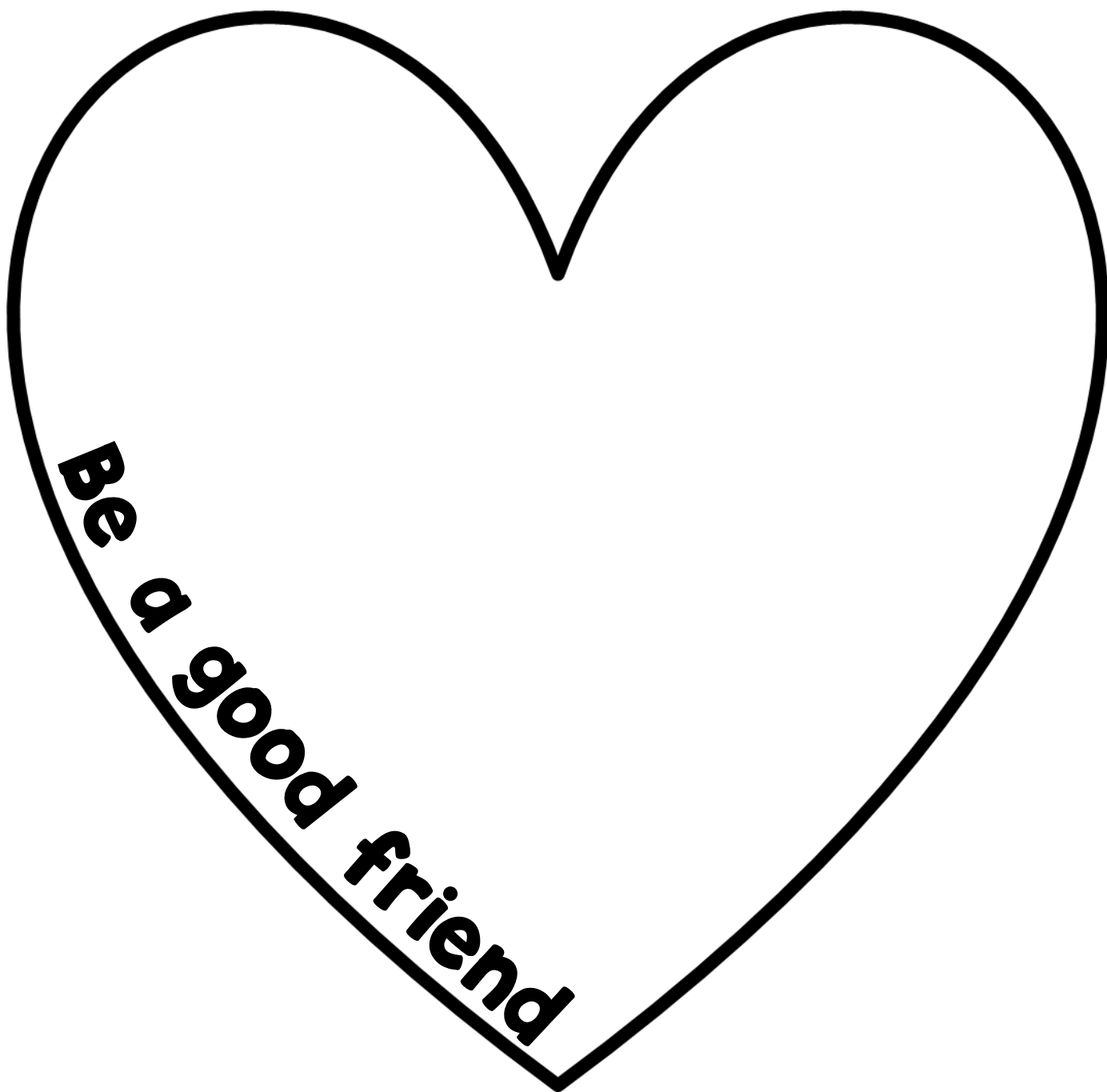














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