

Theme: Friendship

The Learning Triangle is TV that teaches + storybooks + activities—all related to one idea or skill. Parents and educators use the Learning Triangle to help children learn by encouraging them to interact with people and objects around them. Use the information below to create a Learning Triangle about friendship.

TV that teaches

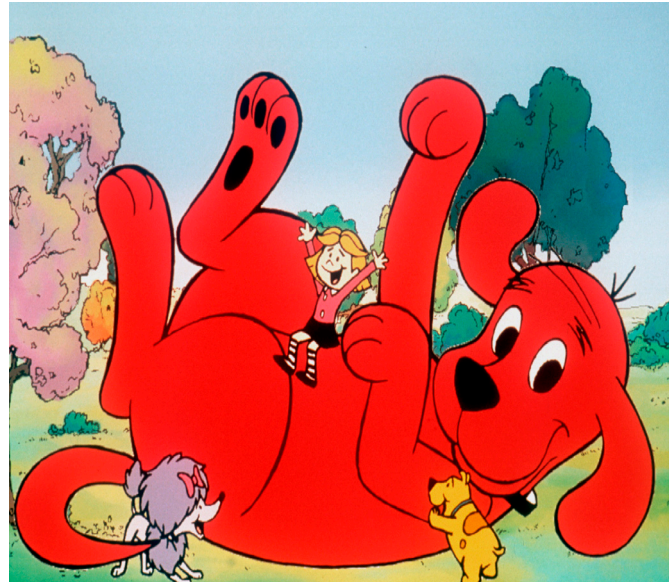
Barney & Friends: #504—Circle of Friends
Caillou: #127—Friends
Clifford: #110—To Catch a Bird/Be a Good Friend
Reading Rainbow: #413—Best Friends
Maya and Miguel: #113—The Bully and the Bunny

Storybooks

Wemberly Worried by Kevin Henkes
Friends at School by Rochelle Bunnett
Little Blue and Little Yellow by Leo Lionni
Chester's Way by Kevin Henkes
Enemy Pie by Derek Munson

Activities

1. **Making Friends:** When a friend comes to play, encourage playthings that are less likely to create conflicts, like making a long paper chain or playing with play clay, blocks, or crayons.
2. **Friends are like Peanut Butter and Jelly:** Mix peanut butter and jelly to make sandwiches. After helping stir the peanut butter and jelly together your child can spread the mixture on bread. Remind your child that peanut butter is good all by itself and so is jelly, but together they make an especially good sandwich. Compare this to playing alone and playing together with a friend.
3. **Friendship Necklaces:** Use items around your house to create a friendship necklace. Thread buttons, cereal, macaroni, construction paper, or empty spools on a string or piece of yarn. Encourage your child to give the necklace to a friend.
4. **New Friends:** Take a walk to a playground or check out your local library story hour. Go somewhere where there are other children, and encourage your child to make new friends. Talk about how to introduce yourself to someone new. Show your child how it's done by introducing yourself to another parent at the playground or story hour.
5. **PBS Friends:** Friendship is a theme for many of the PBS Kids programs. Check out an episode of *Arthur*, *Caillou*, *Dragon Tales*, *Clifford*, or *Sesame Street*. Use the program to start a conversation with your child about how to be a good friend. For more help with social skills, check out the on-line game, "You've Got to Be Kidding." Go to pbskids.org, click on Arthur, and then click on "games." Have fun while you learn about relationships and how to get along with others.



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