

TREASURE CHEST KIT #12: FRIENDS ARE NICE

This Reading Adventure Treasure Chest Kit has been assembled to provide a thematic list of storytime materials for use by enhanced members and their patrons. The kit is geared toward the preschool age group yet is flexible enough to capture the interest of toddlers and early school age children. The [Activity Ideas](#) are designed to be aids to use the materials listed in the kits.

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Material Type	Title	Author
BOOK	The 329th Friend	MARJORIE W. SHARMAT
BOOK	Bill And Pete	TOMIE DE PAOLA
BOOK	Chester's Way	KEVIN HENKES
BOOK	The Doorbell Rang	PAT HUTCHINS
BOOK	Elizabeth And Larry	MARILYN SADLER
BOOK	Elvira	MARGARET SHANNON
BOOK	Five Little Monkeys Sitting In A Tree	EILEEN CHRISTELOW
BOOK	How Joe The Bear And Sam The Mouse Got Together	BEATRICE SCHENK De REGNIERS
BOOK	Jake And Rosie	PATRICIA LILLIE
BOOK	Jam Day	BARBARA M. JOOSSEE
BOOK	Jessica	KEVIN HENKES
BOOK	Kids	CATHERINE and LAURENCE ANHOLT
BOOK	Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile	BERNARD WABER
BOOK	My Best Friend	PAT HUTCHINS
BOOK	My Buddy	AUDREY OSOFSKY
BOOK	Stella And Roy	ASHLEY WOLFF
BOOK	Together	GEORGE ELLA LYON
BOOK	Watch Out For Chicken Feet In Your Soup	TOMIE DE PAOLA
BOOK	Will I Have A Friend?	MIRIAM COHEN
BOOK	Yo! Yes?	CHRIS RASCHKA
BOARD BOOK	Do You Want To Be My Friend?	ERIC CARLE
BIG BOOK	Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge	MEM FOX
RESOURCE BOOK	Story Stretchers: Activities To Expand Children's Favorite Books	SHIRLEY C. RAINES
BOOK & TAPE	Play With Me	MARIE HALL ETS
CASSETTE	My Best Friend	LISA MONET
VHS	Shelly Duvall's Bed Time Stories: Elizabeth And Larry / Bill And Pete	
PUPPET	Crocodile Puppet And Fish	

ACTIVITY IDEAS AND FINGERPLAYS

Have children draw group portraits of themselves with their best friends.

After reading *Yo! Yes?* a few times, children will quickly memorize this very short story. Divide your class in half and have the group perform this story "readers theatre style."

Share Together. Have children create and illustrate their own stanzas for this poem. Put these together and make your own classroom "Together Book."

Give children a paper plate and crayons. Suggest that they make face masks of a friend. The paper plate mask will have the hair and eye color of their friend. Invite the children to wear the masks and pretend to be their friends.

Be My Friend

(Sung to the tune of "Mary Had a Little Lamb")

Will you come and play with me?

Play with me, play with me.

Will you come and play with me?

Please be my friend.

Hi Five!

(Sung to the tune of "Where is Thumbkin")

Where is one friend? Where is one friend?

(Hands behind back)

Here is one.

(Bring out one finger of one hand)

Here is one.

(Bring out one finger of other hand)

Say hello to one friend.

(Wiggle one finger)

Say hello to one friend.

(Wiggle other finger)

Bring more friends. Bring more friends.

(Hands behind back again)

Where are two friends? Where are two friends?

(Hands behind back)

Here are two.

(Bring out two fingers of one hand)

Here are two.

(Bring out two fingers of other hand)

Say hello to two friends.

(Wiggle two finger)

Say hello to two friends.

(Wiggle other two fingers)

Bring more friends. Bring more friends.

(Hands behind back again)

Where are three friends. . .

Where are four friends. . .

Where are five friends? Where are five friends?

(Hands behind back)

Here are five.

(Bring out five fingers of one hand)

Here are five.

(Bring out five fingers of other hand)

Say hello to five friends.

(Wiggle five fingers)

Say hello to five friends.

(Wiggle other five fingers)

Hi Five Hi!

(Raise one hand above head)

Hi Five Hi!

(Raise other hand above head. Then greet each other with high fives)

Ask your local children's librarian about more fingerplays, activities and books such as these recommended titles:

- *Frog And Toad Are Friends* by Arnold Lobel. In five short chapters, which can be read continuously or as separate stories, Frog and Toad are best friends.
- *George And Martha* by James Marshall. This first book in a series center on two hilarious hippo friends who learn that a real friendship means being honest with each other.
- *Hound And Bear* by Dick Gackenback. The tricks Hound plays on his friend always seem to backfire. When Hound realizes tricks don't build friendships, he changes his ways and makes a new friend.
- *Maude And Sally* by Nicki Weiss. When her best friend goes to summer camp, Maude finds she can become best friends with Emmylou also.