Enemy Pie

A RIF GUIDE FOR VOLUNTEERS

Themes: Friendship, Acceptance, Jealousy
Grade Level: 1st to 3rd grade
Book Brief: With the help of his father’s secret recipe, a young boy learns about friendship.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading: Ask the children if they have friends they didn’t really like at first. Have they ever judged others without getting to know them? Why? Was it out of jealousy? What were other reasons?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

FRIENDSHIP PIE (AGES 4-12)
Make a group “pie” celebrating all the things that make someone a good friend. Give each child a small piece of paper and have them write or draw their favorite thing about their best friend. (For a longer activity, have them write a story.) Put all the pieces of paper into an aluminum pie pan and cover with a brown paper “crust.”

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS (AGES 4-12)
Materials: 3 different colors of string or thin rope, tape, beads (optional)
1. Cut 3 pieces of different colored string, about the same length. Tie a knot in one end.
2. Tape the tied end down to hold it steady and braid or twist the string together. Add beads if you want.
3. When the bracelet is long enough, knot the end and tie it around the child’s wrist.
4. Let kids make bracelets with or for a friend to celebrate friendship.

THE GOOD SHIP FRIENDSHIP (AGES 5-12)
Materials: Styrofoam, markers or paint, plastic coffee straws, scissors, tape, paper
1. Cut Styrofoam into small triangles and let children decorate them with markers or paint.
2. Cut a small triangle of paper and tape it to a coffee straw to make a sail.
3. Attach sail to boat by pushing the straw into the Styrofoam. If there’s water nearby, take the kids outside to test their ships. If not, float the ships in a pan or tub of water.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP
One of Us, Peggy Moss (2010), Wings, Christopher Myers (2000), Bein’ with You This Way, W. Nikola-Lisa (1997).

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