

Bear's New Friend

Objective:

Students will learn how kindness and compassion can help make people feel welcome.

Students will listen to the story Bear's New Friend by: Karma Wilson

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xorRdjz1UhM>

Activities:

Students will learn and discuss the Do's and Don'ts of Making New Friends (See chart)

Students will also sort cards about proper ways to maintain friendships. (See attached cards)

Students will write how Bear showed kindness in order to maintain friendships. (See writing activity)

When Meeting New Friends, Do:

- Introduce yourself
- Ask them their name
- Say "It's nice to meet you."
- Smile and use good eye contact
- Shake their hand
- Invite them to join in
- Act interested in meeting them



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When Meeting New Friends, Do Not:

- Ignore them
- Forget to tell them your name
- Look away when speaking
- Act uninterested
- Walk away without ending the conversation
- Make fun of them
- Exclude them from joining in



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Nice Job! You're
working hard to
make new friends!



What may I do

Uh-oh! Your action
wasn't very friendly.
What could you do
differently next time?



What may I do

John just moved to
your town and it is
his first day at a
new school. He is
nervous. You invite
him to sit with you
at lunch.



What may I do

You are playing in
the park with your
friends, and a new
girl asks to play
too. You don't know
her, so you tell her
no.



What may I do

It is the first day
of school and you
don't know many of
your classmates.
You walk up to
them at recess
and tell them your
name.



What may I do

A boy named
Steven wants to
tell you about his
Legos. You hate
Legos, so you walk
away when he is
talking.



What may I do

Amy just moved to your school. You are having a birthday party and invite her so she can feel included.



What may I do?

Your friend Drew invited you to his birthday party. You have never met his other friends, so you tell him you don't want to go.



What may I do?

You have seen Sally before but have never met her. You tell her your name and say "It's nice to meet you."



What may I do?

A new student joins your class. She is in a wheelchair. You laugh at her during P.E. because she can't play ball.



What may I do?

You start a new baseball league after school. You smile and introduce yourself to your new teammates.



What may I do?

You and your friends are playing basketball at recess. Justin asks to play, and you tell him you already have enough players.



What may I do?

Your mom says you can have a sleep-over next weekend. You invite all of your friends so no one feels left out.



What may dip

There is a student in your class that you don't know very well. He stutters when he talks, and you can't stop laughing.



What may dip

Chad just started riding your bus. He doesn't know anyone. You invite him to sit with you and ask him about his hobbies.



What may dip

Your friend Jacob introduces you to another friend of his. You don't like him, so you walk away without saying hello.



What may dip

A girl named Sara just moved in next door. You know she likes playing with dolls like you, so you ask her if she wants to play.



What may dip

A younger friend wants to show you his new toy. You aren't interested, so you ignore him.



What may dip

How did Bear show Owl kindness?
How do you think Bear's actions made Owl feel?

