

Finding Friendship





**Let's learn about
finding friendship!**



1

See it

2

Say it

3

Share it

Honesty

Generosity

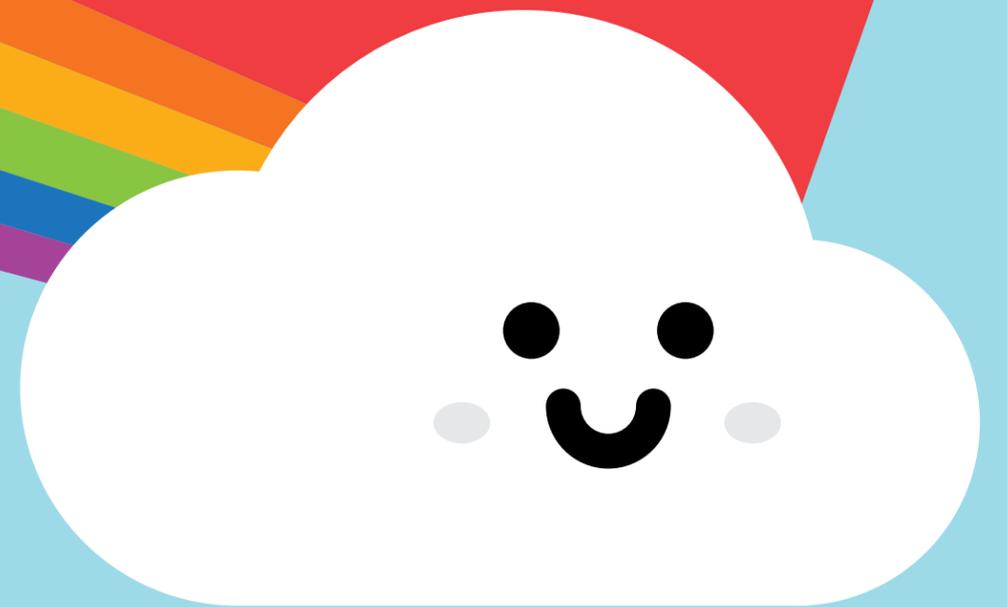
Joy

Encouragement

Kindness

Loyalty

Honesty





The Honest Woodcutter

A poor woodcutter accidentally dropped his axe into the river. He was very upset, as he had no money to buy another axe. Just then, a fairy appeared in the river holding out a golden axe to him. "I found this axe in the river. Is it yours?"

"That's not mine," replied the woodcutter. The fairy then brought out a silver axe. The woodcutter disowned this one too. Finally, the fairy held out a wooden axe.

Smiling with happiness, the woodcutter said, "That's mine. Thank you very much."

The fairy felt very happy upon seeing his honesty and said, "Such honesty deserves a reward." She gave the poor woodcutter all three axes and disappeared.

Use the word bank to describe what honesty means to you.

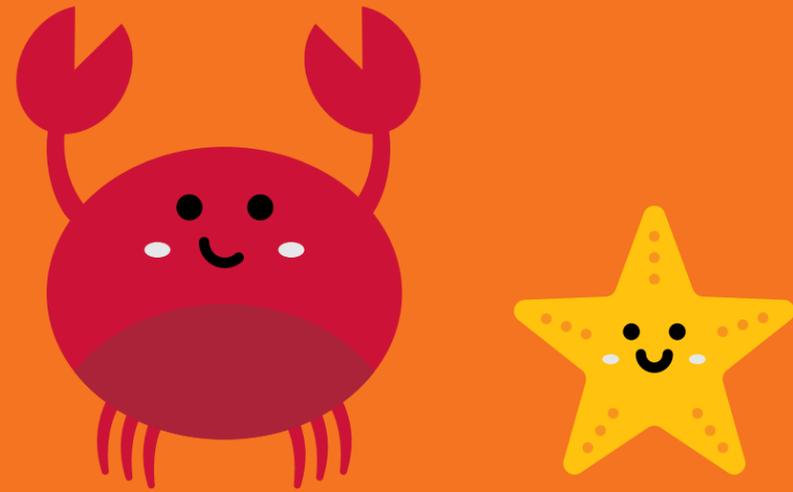
Word Bank

- | | | | |
|-----------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Truth | Fair | Earnest | Sincere |
| Trust | Respect | Dignity | Genuine |
| Integrity | Right | Moral | Honorable |

Look out for examples of honesty in new friends, and work on being honest yourself this week!

Generosity





The Full Crab

Down under the sea there was a crab who had a heart full of love. But all the other creatures thought he was cold and mean because he never let anyone be friends with him. They called him crabby behind his back, but the truth was that he was just afraid of giving away his love. He thought that if he shared the love in his heart, he would have less and less until he eventually ran out.

But one day a wise old starfish shared some wisdom with the crab. He taught him that generosity worked in magical ways, and that love was meant to be given to others. He said it was a special treasure, and that the more you gave away, the more you would receive in return. The crab was unsure, but decided to give it a try.

He started slowly at first, just sharing a smile with someone, and he was surprised to see they smiled back! Then he gave some food to his hungry neighbor and was surprised when the neighbor offered to help teach him how to swim. Before long the crab was out sharing, giving, helping and making friends with everyone, and his heart was fuller than ever.

Use the word bank to describe what generosity means to you.

Word Bank			
Give	Philanthropy	Kindness	Favor
Charity	Serve	Full	Neighborly
Selfless	Considerate	Compassion	Hospitable

Look out for examples of generosity in new friends, and work on being generous yourself this week!

JOY





The Happy Hedgehog

A small hedgehog named Lilly lived on the sunny, dry side of a valley. She and her friends didn't have much, but they were joyful. They loved rolling in the sand, basking in the sun, dancing and laughing. Across the valley, on the cloudy, rainy side, lived another group of hedgehogs. The land was much more fertile there, but were they happy?

One day Lilly crossed the valley to see if the other hedgehogs would like to be friends. She was amazed at all of the thick grass that grew on their land and could not believe all the food they had, for it was scarce on the dry side of the valley. She came across one hedgehog, named Rosie, who had the brightest purple plum Lilly had ever seen. Lilly asked her for a bite, but Rosie wanted something in exchange.

Lilly hadn't brought anything across the valley with her, so she offered to bring Rosie back home so she could pick something. When they arrived on the dry side of the valley, Rosie was surprised to see how poor these hedgehogs were, but their laughter and dancing were contagious, and gave Rosie something she had never had before –joy! From that day forward the two groups of hedgehogs became friends and shared everything that both sides of the valley had to offer.

Use the word bank to describe what joy means to you.

Word Bank			
Happy	Funny	Bliss	Rejoice
Laugh	Positive	Cheery	Festive
Smile	Delight	Glad	Charm

Look out for examples of joy in new friends, and work on being joyful yourself this week!

Encouragement





The Frog That Kept Swimming

A group of frogs was traveling through a farm when two of them fell into a bucket of cream. Immediately the two frogs started swimming and splashing in the cream. When the other frogs saw how deep the bucket was, they told the two frogs that they were never going to make it out. The two frogs couldn't hear over the sound of the splashing so they didn't know what the others were saying. They just kept trying to jump out of the cream with all their might. Finally, one of the frogs gave up.

But the other frog continued to swim as hard as he could. Once again, the crowd of frogs yelled at him to just give up. But he swam even harder until suddenly the cream thickened, turning into a ball of butter, and he was able to climb out. When he got out, the other frogs said, "Did you not hear us?" The frog explained to them that he couldn't hear over the sound of the splashing. He thought they were encouraging him the entire time.

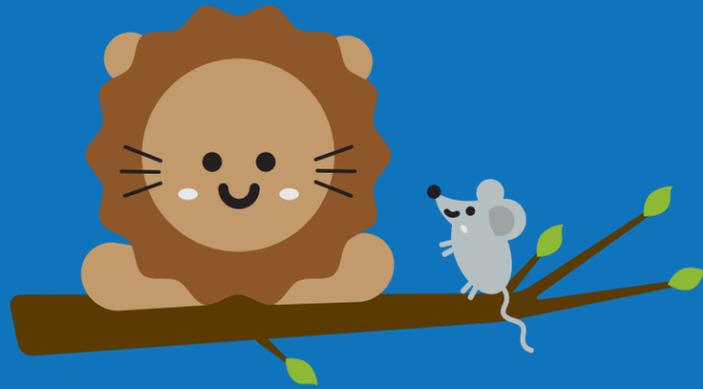
Use the word bank to describe what encouragement means to you.

Word Bank			
Boost	Cheer	Reward	Urge
Inspire	Comfort	Clap	Console
Applaud	Energize	Advocate	Motivate

Look out for examples of encouragement in new friends, and work on encouraging others this week!

Kindness





The Lion & The Mouse

A small mouse crept up to a sleeping lion. The mouse admired the lion's ears, his long whiskers and his great mane.

"Since he's sleeping," thought the mouse, "he'll never suspect I'm here!" With that, the little mouse climbed up onto the lion's tail, ran across his back, slid down his leg and jumped off of his paw. The lion awoke and quickly caught the mouse between his claws.

"Please," said the mouse, "Let me go and I'll come back and help you someday." The lion laughed, "You are so small! How could you ever help me?" The lion laughed so hard he had to hold his belly! The mouse jumped to freedom and ran until she was far, far away.

The next day, two hunters came to the jungle. They went to the lion's lair, and set a huge rope snare. When the lion came home that night, he stepped into the trap. He roared! He wept! But he couldn't pull himself free.

The mouse heard the lion's pitiful roar and came back to help him. She eyed the trap and noticed the one thick rope that held it together. She began nibbling and nibbling until the rope broke. The lion was able to shake off the other ropes that held him tight. He stood up free again!

The lion turned to the mouse and said, "Dear friend, I was foolish to ridicule you for being small. You helped me by saving my life after all!"

Use the word bank to describe what kindness means to you.

Word Bank

Nice	Courteous	Amiable	Loving
Friendly	Caring	Tolerant	Understanding
Polite	Thoughtful	Inclusive	Humane

Look out for examples of kindness in new friends, and work on being kind yourself this week!

Loyalty





The Goatherd & The Wild Goats

A goatherd, driving his flock from their pasture, found some wild goats mingled among them, and shut them up together with his own for the night.

The next day it snowed very hard, so that he could not take the herd to their usual feeding places, but was obliged to keep them inside. He gave his own goats just enough food to keep them alive, but fed the wild goats more abundantly in the hope of enticing them to stay with him and of making them his own.

When the thaw set in, he led them all out to feed, and the wild goats scampered away as fast as they could to the mountains. The goatherd scolded them for their ingratitude in leaving him, when during the storm he had taken more care of them than of his own herd.

One of them, turning about, said to him: "That is the very reason why we are so cautious; for if you yesterday treated us better than the goats you have had so long, it is plain also that if others came after us, you would in the same manner prefer them to ourselves."

Use the word bank to describe what loyalty means to you.

Word Bank

Dependable	Steadfast	Loyal	Unwaivering
Reliable	Faithful	True	Unfailing
Constant	Firm	Dedicated	Trusty

Look out for examples of loyalty in new friends, and work on being loyal yourself this week!



