

Making Friends

Recommended Materials

- 45018 Build Me “Emotions”
- 45019 Creative DUPLO® Brick Set
- Camera or smartphone for taking photos

Connect

Facilitate a discussion on friends and friendship. Talk about what friends are and how we treat them. Consider asking questions such as:

- What kinds of activities do you do with friends?
- How do we make new friends?
- How can we be good friends?

Tell the children that today they are going to build a group of friends!

Construct

Combine Build Me “Emotions” and the Creative DUPLO Brick Set. Ask the children to work together to build a group of friends. Encourage them to consider how these friends feel when they are together. Perhaps they feel silly or happy when they have fun together. Or perhaps they feel angry when they have a disagreement. Prompt the children to role-play various scenarios with their builds and come up with resolutions for the times when friends feel sad, angry, or embarrassed.

Contemplate

Ask the children to discuss the role-play that took place. Consider asking questions such as:

- Who are the friends you built?
- How is each one feeling?
- Why is each one feeling this way?

Continue

Ask the children to write or dictate a story about an adventurous day with friends, focusing on how they feel throughout the day. The children can use their builds as inspiration. They can also create scenes with their builds that go along with the story. Consider taking photos of the scenes. Print the photos and add them to the story to become the illustrations.

Links

Identity
Wellbeing
Connectedness
Active Learning
Communicating

Links to Priority Area

Social and emotional capability
Physicality
Thinking and responding
Oral language & Communication
Access & Inclusion

Learning Values

Social and emotional development

- * Recognizing and understanding emotions
- * Understanding relationships
- * Collaboration

Early language and literacy

- * Speaking and listening

Vocabulary

Encourage the use of these words during the activity:

- * Friends
- * Feelings
- * Silly
- * Happy
- * Sad
- * Angry
- * Embarrassed

