

National University System

Lessons and Activities at Home

UNIT 5 - Peer Relationships



In this unit, children practice positive social skills and learn the qualities that are important to friendship, the consequences of bullying, and how to provide peers with support.

Follow these steps to access the lessons and activities in each unit:

- Start at the **Harmony Online Learning Portal**.
- From the Portal, navigate to the Out of School Time unit and suggested lessons below.
- Click "Start Activity" in the upper right corner of the activity panel.
- Follow lesson instructions.

You'll see three parts to each lesson:

- "Setting the Stage"
- "Facilitating the Activity"
- "Wrapping it Up"

All the lesson materials you need are available in the Materials section. We've included suggestions below for adapting the content for use at home.

TRY THE SUGGESTIONS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE TO USE HARMONY AT HOME



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5.1 CARING FOR OTHERS

Key Concepts & Vocabulary

- Being kind and caring makes both you and others feel good.
- You can show caring toward others by helping, sharing, and saying kind things.
- Gratitude means appreciation or thankfulness. Showing gratitude when others are kind to us makes them feel good.

Lesson Goals

- Promote a caring, pro-social orientation toward others.
- Foster gratitude for others' kindness.

HARMONY AT HOME ACTIVITIES

READ: THE MIXED UP DAY STORY

In this story, Z learns there are many ways to be kind and helps friends have a good day. As you listen to the story, notice how Z shows kindness and how the children express gratitude. Discuss the following questions:

- How do you feel when you do things to help others?
- What are some things you can do to help your family or friends have a good day?
- How can you show gratitude when someone has done something nice for you?

PLAY THE BUDDY TIME SING-ALONG "HAVE A GOOD DAY"

PASS THE SUNSHINE

Draw a large sunshine or use the Sunshine Stick Cutout. While sitting together, choose a family member to pass it to. Pass the sunshine stick to a family member and share something kind or compliment that person. Keep passing the Sunshine around until everyone has received a compliment.

SHARE YOUR SHINE

Use craft materials to create a colorful sunshine. Hang your sunshine in a window to spread kindness to others in your community.

CELEBRATE FRIENDSHIP

Talk about what makes your friendships and relationships with others special. Make friendship bracelets for your friends and family. Think about how each part of the bracelet tells a story of your friendship.

SHARING AND CARING

During a family Meet Up, share what you and family members can do at home to be helpful and show how you care for others (dry dishes, clean up toys, read to your brother or sister).

COMMUNITY HELPERS

Draw or make a list of community helpers (nurses, teachers, grocery store workers, firefighters, mail carriers) who help your family and community. What can you do to show gratitude to them?

CELEBRATE SUCCESS

Take a moment each day to celebrate how family members help and share gratitude toward one another. **Example:** "You were so caring to write an email to tell your aunt that you missed her."



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5.2 BEING INCLUSIVE Key Concepts & Vocabulary - Being welcomed and included feels good. Feeling left out is hurtful. - It is important to find ways to make sure everyone feels welcomed and included. Lesson Goals - Promote inclusive attitudes and behaviors.	READ: "THE GAME OF TAG" STORY When the treehouse friends discover how it feels to be left out of games, they learn new ways to welcome and include everyone. Discuss the following questions: • What were the characters thinking and feeling when they didn't include others in their activities? • How did they feel and then when they were left out of the game? • What games do you play that can only be played by a small team and you can't include others? What can you do or say so others will not feel left out? PRACTICE INCLUSION Select an INCLUSION SCENARIO CARD to read and discuss each day. Discuss how you would help solve each problem and help others feel included.
- Foster empathy and kindness.	FAMILY MEET UP DISCUSSION As a child or as an adult, have you ever been excluded from a group or activity? How did it make you feel? How did you solve the problem? CELEBRATE SUCCESS Look for times when your child includes others. Example: "I noticed when you sat down to read, you asked your little sister to bring her bear and listen to the story. That was a kind thing to do!"



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the letters."

As your children show interest in learning and trying new things, share resources to support them and encourage their growth. **Example:** "I've noticed how you have started to use cursive in your journal. You're really working to learn all of



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 5.1 WHAT MAKES A FRIEND Key Concepts - Friendships are important It's important to be mindful of the qualities we look for in a friend It's fun to have friends who are both similar and different from us. We can learn from friends who are different from us. Lesson Goals - Help students identify personal characteristics that aid in friendship formation and maintenance. Promote the view that friends can have both similarities and differences. 	 DISCUSSION: WHAT MAKES A GOOD FRIEND? Talk as a family about the qualities that make a good friend found in the Key Concepts. 1. Review the WHAT MAKES A GOOD FRIEND? Worksheet. 2. Generate a list of characteristics you look for in a friend. What characteristics did you decide are not important in a friendship? 3. Think of one of your friends or family members. 4. Make a list of things you have in common and things that make you different from one another. CELEBRATE SUCCESS After completing the WHAT MAKES A GOOD FRIEND? worksheet, take a moment to celebrate what a good friend your child is to others.
5.2 FRIENDSHIP PLEDGE Key Concepts - Friendships are important It's important to be mindful of the qualities we look for in a friend People value different friendship qualities It is valuable to establish goals for how we want to treat our friends.	FRIENDSHIP CHARACTERISTICS WORKSHEET 1. Complete the FRIENDSHIP CHARACTERISTICS worksheets. 2. Review your answers with a family member. 3. List any family members who share the same characteristics. 4. Discuss if you think that boys and girls have the same traits. Why is this okay? BUDDY UP Choose someone in your home to buddy with and ask: What are important qualities that you look for in friend? How can you let you friends know what ways they are important in your life?
Lesson Goals - Increase students' awareness of the qualities they look for in their friends. - Increase students' awareness of the kind of friend they want to be to others. - Have students commit to how they will treat their friends.	 TAKE THE FRIENDSHIP PLEDGE Use the FRIENDSHIP PLEDGE to develop individual pledge certificates for family members. Work together to fill in the promises on the pledge. Choose a place in your home to display your pledge certificates. CELEBRATE SUCCESS Acknowledge family members when they demonstrate the commitments they wrote on their pledge certificate. Example: "You committed to helping clean the backyard each day. Thank you for sweeping the patio!"



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5.3 I'VE GOT YOUR BACK Key Concepts - It is important to support our classmates We can practice being more	I'VE GOT YOUR BACK Meet with your family to identify ways you can support each other and distribute I'VE GOT YOUR BACK tickets (or tokens, marbles, etc.) when you observe one another engaging in these behaviors. Once you reach a certain number of tickets, celebrate with a special family activity.
supportive to our classmates Providing support to our classmates helps create a positive classroom environment.	CONNECT WITH CLASSMATES Generate a list of ways you can support your classmates to show you "have their back" (letters, text, a phone call, etc.). Ask your child to share how he or she felt when they connected with a friend, and "How do you think your friend felt?"
Lesson Goals - Help students identify when & how to provide classmates with support. - Increase the frequency with which students provide their classmates with support. - Promote a classroom environment in which all students feel supported by their peers.	BUDDY UP What if you had \$1,000 to do something to care for others — what would you do? CELEBRATE SUCCESS Recognize moments when members of your family support each other by "having their backs." When your grandpa couldn't find his glasses, you told him: "Don't worry grandpa, I've got your back and I'll be on your search team to find your glasses!" Thank you for supporting him when he was worried.



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