



Being a Good Friend

KEY POINTS

- These formative preschool years are where students learn foundational social skills for making friends, engaging in teamwork, and being a good community member.
- Being a good friend takes practice and learning about friendship behaviors can help them connect with their peers and community.
- There are specific behaviors that can contribute to being a good team member and friend, including compromising, helping, being flexible, listening to others, sharing, and taking turns.
- As our hedgehog friends sing, **“It’s always good to be a good friend because being a good friend is great!”**

TIPS FOR REINFORCING

- Create opportunities in your classroom where students get to learn and practice teamwork and friend-making behaviors. This can include helping to build something together, having to share a specific toy, or creating a situation where students need to ask for help.
- Model and narrate opportunities where you are engaging in friend-making behavior.
- Highlight ways in which characters in books use specific friendship behaviors and ask students if they can identify what they noticed.
- Provide visual cues or use the hedgehog song as a cue to reinforce and reference specific friendship and teamwork behavior that is helpful.
- Designate a particular skill that everyone is going to be practicing and encourage students to point out when they see their peers doing it.
- Highlight and provide positive feedback when your student is engaging in friend-making behaviors in the classroom.

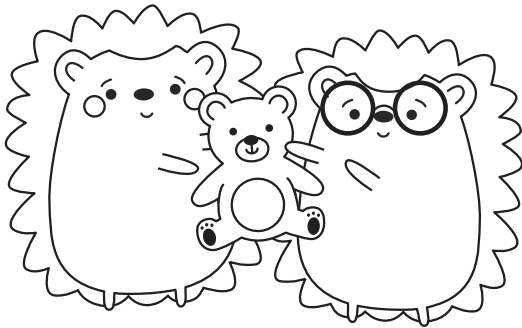
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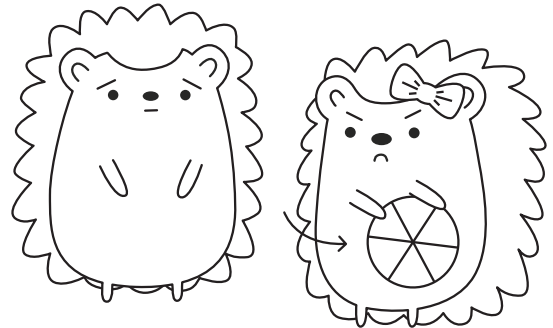
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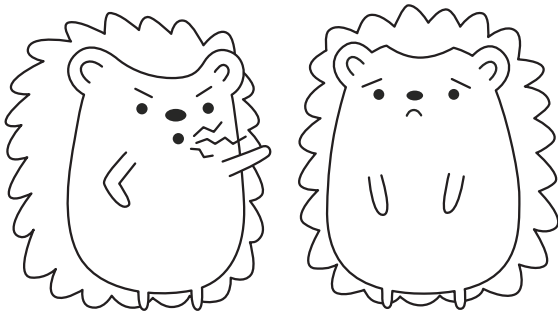
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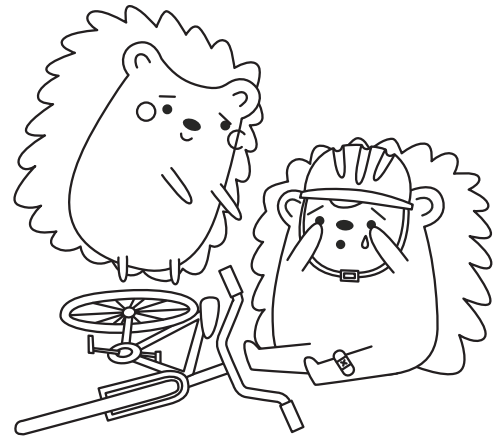
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Taking a toy

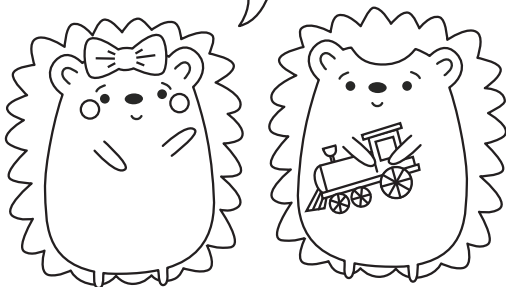


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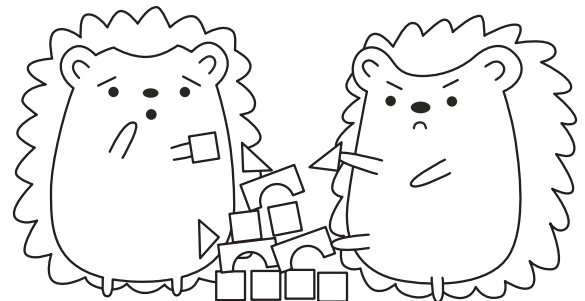


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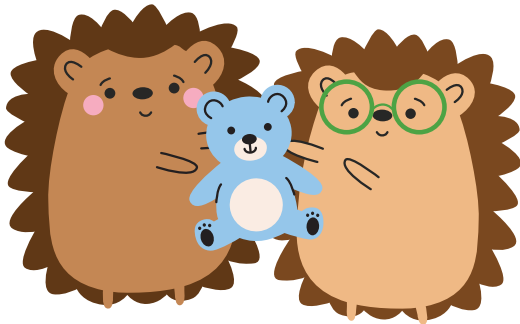


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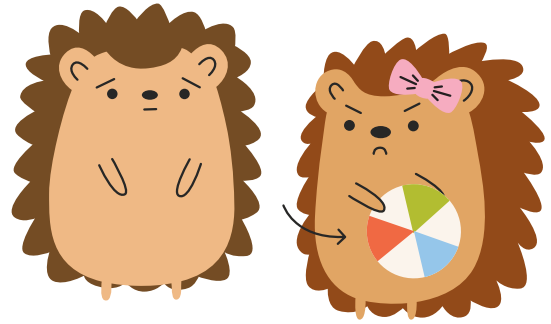
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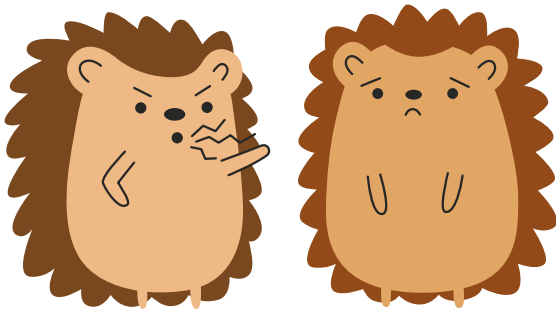
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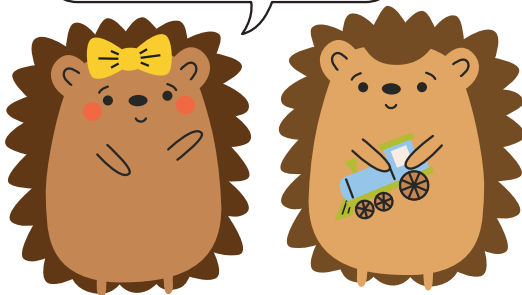


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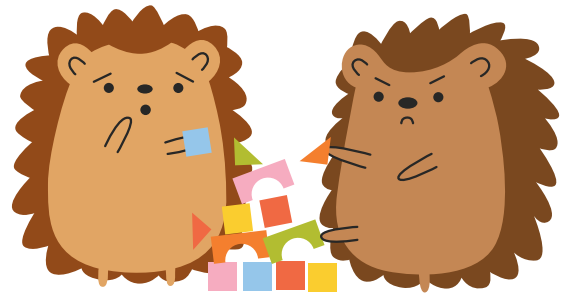


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