

For example:

Puppet 1: She took my car.

Teacher: How can we settle this?

Puppet 2, 3, 4: (They offer suggestions.)

or

Puppet 1: He pushed me.

Teacher: What happened and how could we have acted differently?

Puppets 2, 3, 4: (They offer suggestions.)

Teacher Tip: Speak positively and praise children when they are doing things correctly instead of calling attention to what they are doing incorrectly. Use a soft voice so they need to listen to hear you.

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Sharing Friendship

Materials

The Friendship Tree by Kathy Caple

Scissors

Chart paper

Marker

What to do

1. Read *The Friendship Tree* by Kathy Caple with the children. The book has four chapters, so you might want to read a chapter a day.
2. After reading the book, discuss the many ways we can show we care for others. Talk about simple things such as letting others have a turn, sharing art supplies, including others in our play, reading with a friend, caring for pets and plants, cleaning up after ourselves, and helping others clean up. Encourage them to talk about people they care about, too.
3. Cut out a large heart shape from chart paper.
4. On the heart, write down the children's suggestions for ways to show caring.

More to do

Art: Provide a variety of art materials. Pair the children and encourage each child in the pair to make something for the other. Ask each child to show her item at group time and present it to the other child in her pair.

Snack: A Shared Snack: Provide tablespoons, quart-size plastic bags, and bowls of small snack items such as raisins, different cereals, and sunflower seeds. Ask two children to take turns putting a spoonful of each item into one bag. Then, ask them to close the bag and take turns shaking it to mix the ingredients. Give both children a small paper cup and ask them to pour half of the mix into each cup. Now they can sit together and enjoy eating their “shared snack.”

Related book

George and Martha by James Marshall

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Teacup Invite

Materials

Teacup shapes (see pattern)
Construction paper
Scissors
Glue stick
Pouch piece
Marker

What to do

1. Cut out teacup shapes from construction paper using the teacup pattern. Make two teacups for each child.
2. Give each child two teacup shapes and help her glue together the handles of the two shapes.
3. Help the child glue the pouch piece onto the back of the front

