

Talk about FRIENDSHIP together...

Learning to be a good friend, someone who can be trusted and is loyal, takes a lifetime. Talk together about how friends come in all shapes and sizes. Some are young, some are old. Some are always there, some we see only occasionally.

- How do we choose our friends?
- What makes a good friend?
- Are we a good friend to others?

Family focus Friends of the Family

This term's family challenge is to make a card or present for someone who is a friend to your whole family. You could add a gift tag saying... Our family has been thinking about friendship. This is a thank you gift for being a special friend to all of us.

Christian Value is Friendship



This term we will be focussing in school on the value FRIENDSHIP. We hope your family will find these ideas helpful as you explore the value and have fun together.

Home-school challenge

Use your imagination to make the best friendship bracelet ever - using knotting, threading beads, twisting ribbon, whatever you can think of. The more original the better!

Fascinating facts

Friendship Bands Friendship bracelets are usually handmade and given to a special friend. According to American tradition you must wear the bracelet until the cords break and it falls off naturally. In this way you honour the love and hard work your friend put in to making it. Raksha Bandhan One special type of friendship bracelet is a Rakhi. Each year, normally in August, many Hindus mark Raksha Bandhan. The festival is a celebration of family life and in particular the relationship between brothers and sisters. They remember and talk about special times together, and think about loyalty, closeness, trust and their everlasting friendship.

Think together Words of Wisdom

"A good friend is worth their weight in gold." Anon. Why do you think that this is such a popular proverb?

Read together...

Jesus reached a town called Capernaum and made his way to a house near the town gate. The crowd had gathered quickly and now even more people were pushing and squeezing into the small house, wanting to see him, hear him and touch him. The excitement was infectious and four friends who lived in a street nearby soon heard the news. They met together and decided that they absolutely had to take their friend Joshua to Jesus. Joshua was paralysed and couldn't walk. They'd heard that Jesus performed miracles and could heal the sick. This

was a chance they couldn't miss. Wasting no time they carried their friend on his bed mat to the house, but jostling crowds blocked the doorway. They couldn't give up now. Their friend must meet Jesus. There was only one way. They carried him on to the flat roof of the house and carefully removed part of the roof to make a large hole. Knotting ropes to the corners of the bed mat they gently lowered Joshua down right in front of Jesus. Imagine the surprise of all the people looking on. But Jesus smiled kindly at Joshua. "Take up your bed, and walk" he said. Slowly, falteringly and hardly

daring to believe it was happening, Joshua stood and took a step forward. He could walk. He could actually walk! Thanks to Jesus and his friends, Joshua's life was changed forever!

