



Thoughts on Making Friends

Have you made a new friend recently? Where were you? What were you doing? Sometimes we join a new group or go to a new place and have an opportunity to make friends. Or someone new joins our group and could become our friend.

The Bible says

'Do for other people what you want them to do for you.' Luke 6:31

[Jesus said]
"I give you a new command:

Love each other. You must love each other as I have loved you." John 13:34

"The second most important command is this: 'Love your neighbor as you love yourself.'" Mark 12:31

What do you think these verses mean? Why do you think they are important?



Do Have a Friendly Day. Smile, wave or say hello to people in school and your community (that you know or recognise).



Game

Play 'Like, Dislike, Want'. Take it in turns to throw a ball or beanbag to each other. Each time say something you like. Repeat with what you don't like and what you want. It's also a good way to get to know new friends!



Idea

How do you make a new friend? By being friendly! Smile, say hello. Tell them your name. Ask their name if you don't know it. Play together or invite them to do an activity with you. Tell them about what you like doing. Ask them what they like. Introduce them to other friends. Have you been the new person somewhere? How did that feel? Did someone smile, talk to you, play with you? How did that feel? Remembering how we felt in those situations helps us understand how new people might feel and makes us be friendly to them.

Pray

Thank you for opportunities to make new friends. Help us to be welcoming and friendly to new people in our groups and places.

