

◀ We hold hands lots of times with our friends. We hold hands when we play, when we walk together and when we play singing games. Mums and dads hold hands. We hold onto our parents' hands. When grown-ups meet, what is usually the first thing that they do? Shake hands!

You may conduct this aspect of the assembly by question and answer with the children if you prefer.

Being friends is definitely a good thing to be. Being friendly means that you have more fun and that you are happier.

Display and discuss 'Friends 1' and 'Friends 2' from the CD at this point. Discuss these in more detail if 'falling out' is the problem of the moment.

Reflection or prayer

Dear Heavenly Father help us to be kind and caring towards each other. Help us to be good friends; give us smiles not scowls, laughter not tears. Amen.

Jesus taught that we should love one another and be caring and kind. May we try our best to follow his example. Amen.

Alternative assembly topics

- Being helpful;
- People who help us;

- Stories about famous friendships;
- Bullying.

Development

- Talk through a particular and relevant aspect of the children's social behaviour such as bullying.
- Collect and display pictures and sentences about 'what it means to be a friend'.
- Look at the work of National Children's Homes.

Links

SEAL: Getting on and falling out; Say no to bullying; Relationships.

PSHE: **1a.** To recognise what is right and wrong; **1c.** To recognise and name feelings; **4c.** To recognise and respect the differences and similarities between people; **4d.** To understand that families and friends should care for each other; **4e.** To understand that bullying is wrong.

