

Reading the Bible (Ruth 1:12.14.16-18)

Naomi said to her daughters-in-law, Ruth and Orpah:

"Turn back, my daughters; go your way [...]"

Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. Ruth said:

"Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you."

And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

Reflection time

The story of Ruth is a beautiful story of two women who stay faithful to each other and to God in difficult times.

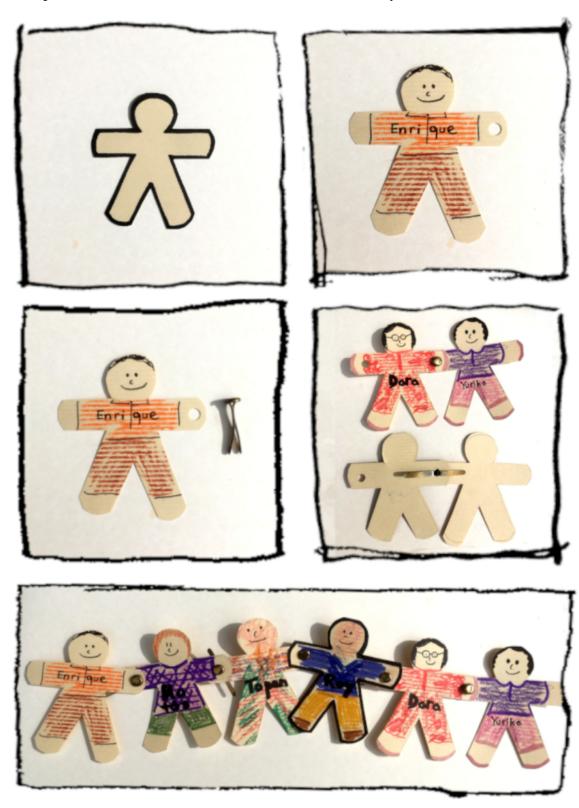
Being a good friend takes a long time to learn. God gives us friends when we need them. We can see them as God's gifts.

Sometimes our friends are not perfect and they make mistakes but we make mistakes too, and we don't want our friends to leave us when that happens.

- > Think of a friend and explain to the others why you like her/him.
- > Why do you think friends are important?> Think of a moment in your life when a friend helped you.

Chain of friends

Create your chain of friends. Follow the pictures.

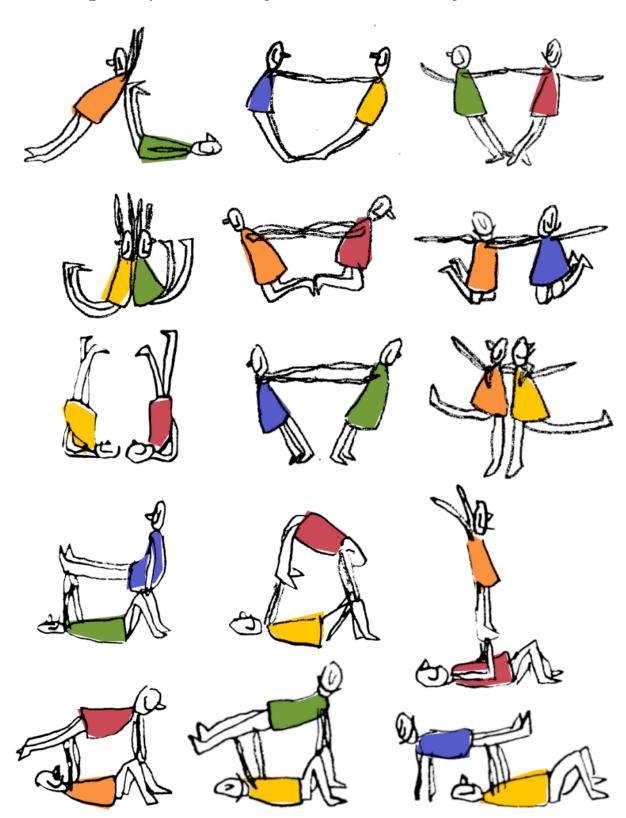


Playing games

> Hold each other

Sometimes in friendship we carry and hold each other.

Following the pictures, try to hold and carry the others.



> Compliments

Write the name of each person in your family on small papers.

Put each paper into a bag.

Pull them out one by one.

Everybody has to say a quality that person has, something nice about her/him.

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