

Helping Hand - My World - The World of Friends

Requirement

Earn the Caring Friend Adventurer Award.

1. Explain what it means to be a Caring Friend. Find, read and memorise 1 Peter 5:7.
2. Talk to a person and ask the following:
 - a. The day and month they were born
 - b. Their favourite animals
 - c. Two of their favourite colours
 - d. Three favourite foods
 - e. Four things that are important to them
 - f. Have your new friend tell you some interesting things that have happened in their life.
3. Visit a shut-in or older person and take something to them. Use the questions listed above as you talk together.
4. Tell one of the persons you visit how Jesus loves you and that He loves them also.
5. Demonstrate how you can be a caring person to your parents by:
 - a. Helping to keep your room clean
 - b. Helping with food preparation or clean up after a meal
 - c. Doing extra chores without being told
6. Tell about something special you have done for a friend.

Goal of this track

To enable the children to encounter God's world with confidence and compassion.

Concept Included in This Component

Social Skills, courtesy, prejudice, peer pressure..

Objective of this component

Upon completion of the Adventurer requirements the children will:

Know: how to develop and participate in friendships in a positive way,

Feel: confident in social situations, and

Respond: by acting with compassion and courage and thereby enjoying fulfilling friendships.

Award HELPS

1. Discuss ways Adventurers can be caring friends. For example, be kind to an older person, your playmates, or siblings. Take a bouquet of flowers or a gift to someone who is ill. Share a book or game. Make a list as the children describe ways to be a caring friend at home, church and school. Learn and discuss 1 Peter 5:7.
2. Have the Adventurers write down the birthday (month and day) so they can send or take a card or flowers to surprise their new friend on his or her birthday. The questions are designed to encourage the children to visit with their new friends.
3. Encourage the Adventurers to take something to a shut-in and to visit them using the questions in requirement two as a basis for their conversation. Suggestions: a basket with flowers, a picture the child has drawn and coloured, a craft item the child created.
4. Discuss with the children their feelings toward God and how they can express His love

- to others.
5. Encourage the children to do "sweet surprises" or find ways where they can be helpers at home without being asked to do a certain task.
 6. Encourage the Adventurers to share their experiences with the group.

Norm's Notes

This is a practical award for learning and applying social skills that enhance friendships.

Explain to the children that while they are working in this award with people who may not be in the circle of close friends they are still "showing friendship" by talking and listening and sharing the love of Jesus. Remind them that caring friendships also apply in the home situation.

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