

# Good Friend - Pre-K to 2nd Teacher Guide



## What is Included

The purpose of this guide is to support teachers in empowering students to make positive choices even when faced with challenging situations. In this guide you will find: Connection Questions associated with the video, independent practice guidance, and extended learning opportunities. Each of these resources can be used independently or in conjunction with one another as time allows. For your planning purposes, please find the estimated time needed for each activity below.

### Viewing the Video

- Watch the video together with the students.

### Student Activities

- Connection Questions (before, during, and after the video) - 5-10 minutes.
- Fun Challenge, Student Activity, Drawing and Coloring Worksheet - 5-15 minutes.
- Extended Learning - 10 minutes.



## Connection Questions and Checks for Understanding

### Before the video 2-4 minutes

- Ask students:
- "What does it look like to be a good friend?"
- "What does it look like to not be a good friend?"

### During the video 3-5 minutes

- Pause the video periodically to incorporate Checks for Understanding (CFU).
- Ask students: "How is Ava being a good friend to Friendly?"

### After the video

- "What are the different ways you saw Ava and Friendly being a good friend?"  
(Answer: listening when other talk, asking them to sit with them, taking turns, saying "I'm sorry" if they make a mistake, sharing, complementing, etc.)
- "Can you think of some other ways to be a good friend?"
- "Why do you think the frontal lobe is called the 'thinking' part of the brain?"  
(Answer: Because it helps us make good choices, instead of being overly-emotional or reactive. It helps us stop and think before we do something.)

### Independent Practice



#### Fun Challenge Worksheet

- Exciting introduction to the activities ahead.

#### Drawing/Coloring Worksheet

- Students can express themselves and relax their minds.

#### Student Activity Worksheet

- For grades 1st and 2nd.

## Extended Learning

### Read and Discuss

Read and Discuss how being a good friend is demonstrated in the following books:

Sorry (Really Sorry)  
by Joanna Cotler

Kiki & Jax  
by Marie Kondo

Can I Play Too?  
by Samantha Cotterill

Jasper & Ollie Build a Fort  
by Alex Willan

Want to Play Trucks?  
by Ann Stott

Our Friend Hedgehog  
by Lauren Castillo

My Friend Maggie  
by Hannah E. Harrisons

