

Something I Do to Keep a Friend

A Sharing Circle

Directions:

Introduce the topic: *Our topic for today's session is, "Something I Do to Keep a Friend."*

Elaborate: *We all have new friends and old friends. What is it that we do to keep a friend for a long time? Think about one of the things you do to make certain that someone will keep choosing you as his or her friend. Are you kind to him? Do you play ball with her after school? Do you invite him to ride his bike with you to the park on Saturdays? Maybe you help him or her practice the multiplication tables. Perhaps you share your ice cream with her when you buy one. Think quietly about it for a few moments before we start. The topic is, "Something I Do to Keep a Friend."*

Invite the children to take turns speaking, and encourage them to listen to each other carefully. Be sure to take a turn yourself.

Discussion Questions:

After each child has had a chance to speak, ask the children:

- Were we all able to think of something that we do to keep a friend?
- How were these things alike and different?
- Why is it helpful for us to think of something that we do to keep a friend?