



## Inclusive Storytime: Friends

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### Our Books

A Friend for Henry by Jenn Bailey                      ...a story about how hard it can be to make friend  
Elephant and Piggie by Mo Willems ... a series with simple pictures, fun fonts, about two friends  
Pete the Cat and His Magic Sunglasses by Kim Dean ...repetitive, great for language learning  
Leonardo the Terrible Monster by Mo Willems        ...big font, simple pictures, story about friends  
Night Monkey, Day Monkey by Julia Donaldson        ...fun rhymes, great for language learning

### Songs and Rhymes

#### **Two Little Friends**

Two little friends are better than one,  
And three are better than two.  
And four are much better still!  
Just think what four little friends can do!

#### **Let's Be Friends! (to the tune of London Bridges)**

Let's be friends with one another, one another, one another.  
Let's be friends with one another.  
And let's be friends today.  
Let's all read a book together, a book together, a book together.  
Let's all read a book together  
And let's be friends today.  
Let's all sing a song together, a song together, a song together.  
Let's all sing a song together  
And let's be friends today!

#### **If You're Friendly and You Know It**

If you're friendly and you know it, clap your hands.  
If you're friendly and you know it, clap your hands.  
If you're friendly and you know it and you really wanna show it,  
If you're friendly and you know it, clap your hands.  
Continue with: stomp your feet  
say hurray!



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### Activity:

Balloons

Start small and floppy – a deflated balloon. Take a deep breath and straightened up a little, and then another deep breath and straight up a little more. Keep going until you're standing up with your arms open as wide as you can, and you can't take more breaths.

Then making a buzzing noise as you move around your space, letting their air out and getting lower and lower until you back on the floor, completely deflated again.

### Sensory Toy:

Animal friends



*A gentle tactile toy that can be held, touched, sorted or explored, these simple pieces are just right for little hands and for encouraging as narrative play.*

### Online Resource:

Available through Freading:

