

## Friendliness Lesson Plans

**Purpose:** To build confidence in children for greeting and talking with others and for the older children - initiating play ideas with others.

1. **Prayer** "O God My God"

2. **Quotation:** "*The birds of different countries mingle in friendliness.*" Use bird puppet(s) to pass around. (Abdu'l-Baha, *The Promulgation of Universal Peace*, p. 118)

3. **Songs:** "*Tena Koe*" (a NZ school song)

Tena koe Hello to one  
Tena korua Hello to two  
Tena koutou Hello to all  
Haere mai everyone  
Welcome everyone

"Hello, Nice Day.." (Radha, "*One Big Family*")

"Hello (hello) Nice Day (nice day) Pleased to see you (pleased to see you too)  
Lets run (lets run), Lets play (lets play) I will talk to you (I will talk to you too)  
We can dance (we can dance) And sing (and sing) We can jump (we can jump) And swing  
(and swing)  
Watch me laugh (watch me laugh) And poke a face (poke a face) Now we're friends (now  
we're friends) Come and join us at our place.

4. **Story:** "How do Dinosaurs Play with their Friends?" Yolen and Teague  
"Say Hello" Jack and Michael Foreman  
"The Black Rose" - A story about 'Abdu'l-Baha in America

5. **Art:** 1. Colouring page and birds quote  
2. Friendly hands (trace hands, colour, cut out, put stick on back to hold and wave at others)  
3. Puppet making of friendly birds– make out of junk or cardboard, glue on faces, feathers etc

6. **Activities:** 1. Houses and tents – visit each other in houses to practice friendliness. Use sheets, big boxes, play tents to make houses. Practice greetings and introductions and invites to play with a toy.

2. Physical play – Tunnel (Greeting others when coming out) and Ride on Toys (waving and greeting each other as they pass by)

3. Puppets – either make puppets and/or play with puppets (being friendly – greetings, introductions and invites to play)



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mingle in friendliness.”

‘Abdu’i-Baha

