

Classroom Activity:

Friends Work Out Problems



Sometimes friends want to play together but have different ideas and minor conflicts arise. If there is a conflict, ask the children to think about what they wanted to play and point out that maybe they just want to play together.

Children Are Working On

- Expressing feelings and ideas
- Listening to each other
- Problem-solving skills

Materials

- 11 ½ minute episode: "Daniel and Miss Elaina Play Rocketship"



Set Up the Topic

- You might start off by telling the children that today they will be watching a video about Daniel Tiger and his friend, Miss Elaina. They are playing at Miss Elaina's house. They are excited about playing out space and rocketship. While they're playing, they have a problem. Let's watch and see what happens.

Watch

Watch episode: "Daniel and Miss Elaina Play Rocketship."

Talk About It

- What were Daniel and Miss Elaina playing?
- What problem came up?
- Did someone help? Did they solve it on their own?
- Does anyone want to tell us about a time when you were playing with a friend and you had a problem?
- How did you feel?
- What made you feel better?

Sing the Strategy Song: 🎵 🎵 **A friend just wants to play with you.** 🎵 🎵

Play & Explore

- Sometimes friends don't agree. Throughout the year, when the situation seems right, remind children who might be disagreeing to sing the strategy song again. Follow up by saying, "Let's talk about how you can play together."
- At snack time or at the end of the day while waiting for families to arrive, you can begin conversations about friends who were disagreeing and how they were able to work things out. What did they say? What did they do?



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