

My New Friends and Me

A sense of belonging—feeling valued, connected to others, and a part of something greater—gives children the emotional strength to overcome challenges and difficulties that emerge in their daily experiences.

Materials: Printable template, scissors, construction paper, glue, crayons or paint and paintbrush

Estimated Time: 30 minutes

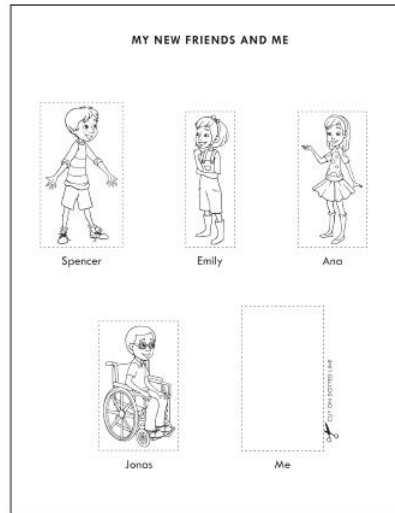


Optional Pre-Activity Fun

Before doing this activity, read [Spencer's Wondrous Wish](#) and ask your child to watch and listen for times when the characters might feel like they belong or are connected to others. Or, play the song, "[Sweetwater Slide](#)" to help promote a discussion about what it means to belong and be a part of a group.

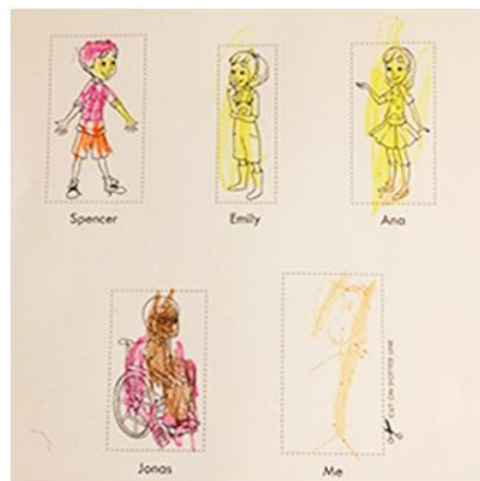
Step 1

Print template.



Step 2

Color and cut out the figures on the template. In the blank box, ask your child to draw and color a self-picture and then cut it out.



Step 3

Have your child glue the figures on construction paper and then draw or paint a scene playing with new friends on Sweetwater Farms.



Step 4

Ask your child what it feels like to be a part of a group. Give examples like being a part of a family, school class, or a sports team— a part of something greater than himself.