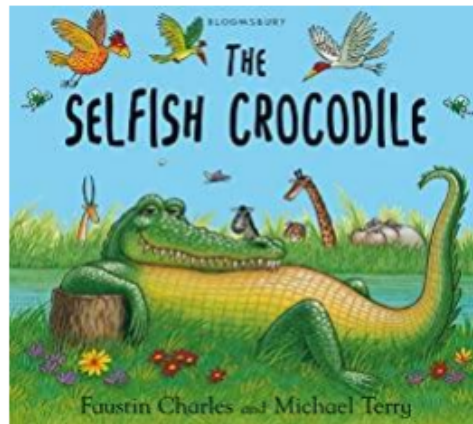


**EXPLORE: Making friends and being a friend.**



Read together and share:

The Selfish Crocodile by Faustin Charles and Illustrated by Michael Terry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tB60DIZh4GI>

Talk about...

- Friends look after and do things for one another.
- Friends do things together.
- Friends make one another happy, comfortable and glad.
- Things that spoil friendship.
- Making friends again.



**Choose Activities**

- Make paper chain teddies of friendship add the names of your friends.
- Make your own collage of your handprint/ draw around your hand and write the names of your friends in each one.
- Hold a teddy bears' picnic outside.
- Paint or draw a friend.
- Make models of friends.

**REVEAL:** Jesus had friends; we can be friends of Jesus.

- Each day provide time for the children to share the joys and sometimes challenges of being a friend. You may wish to extend this time and use PSHE – to develop and invite children to share times when they had missed their friends.
- Use prayer times to invite the children to talk to Jesus, their friend, in their own words.
- Share together the story to discover what Jesus and his friends did together.
- Talk about ... the picture, what does it tell us?  
What did Jesus and his friends do? (They worked, told people the Good News of God's love for everyone, answered questions.)  
Where did they go when they were tired?  
What did they do together? (eat, shared experiences, rested) Where do you go when you are tired?  
Who do you talk to about your experiences of the day? e.g. what has gone well/what has not.  
Where do you go to be quiet and still?

**Choose Activities**

- Draw a picture of your friend, put *friendship* words (e.g. loving, kind, caring, sharing etc), around your picture and talk about what you like about your friend and what you do together.
- Write a letter to Jesus asking him to help them be a good friend.

