

Learning Objective: To teach children that having true friends is more important than being in a “popular” group

Skill: Making friends

Ask the group, “What does it mean to be popular in your school?”

Tell them:

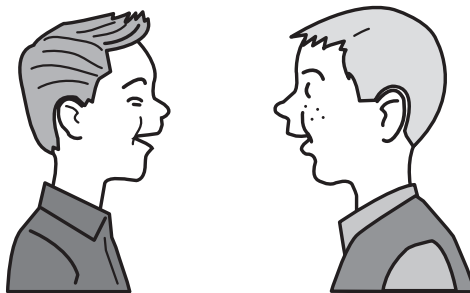
Sometimes, children really want to be part of a popular group. When they get to know the children in that group, they often find that they don't like them very much. Just being in a specific group of children doesn't make you happy; having friends who care about you and treat you well does.

With this idea in mind, think about your true friends. Do they like you? Do they accept you? Do they admire you? The answer to these questions is probably yes. As long as you have true friends, it doesn't matter whether your group is considered to be popular or not.

Hand out Activity Sheet 33. After the children complete the sheet, have them share their answers.

Name _____ Date _____

Thinking about a good friend, complete this sheet. If you want to, you can give the completed sheet to your friend.



My friend likes me because _____.

I like my friend because _____.

My friend's favorite thing to do is _____.

My friend and I like to _____ together.

My friend admires me because _____.

My friend is really great because _____.

Two things my friend and I have in common are _____

and _____.

Here's a picture of my friend: