



- ★ Be friendly to everyone.
- ★ Follow good examples, and avoid examples of behavior you know is wrong even if it's a friend you see doing them.
- ★ Try to persuade a friend to be kind and compromise.
- ★ Avoid saying negative things even to people who are not being nice.
- ★ Invite new people to play with you and your friends.
- ★ Ask for help from an adult if you have a problem with a bully.
- ★ Don't give into peer pressure to do or say something you know is wrong.
- ★ Don't abandon a friend just because others don't like him or her.
- ★ Talk to a friend and be honest if they are starting to behave in ways that make you uncomfortable.
- ★ Can you think of another way that choosing good friends you a good citizen?

Choose your friends wisely. Friends quickly become some of the most influential people in a child's life, and in their development. When we teach them to choose their friends wisely, parents are acknowledging the importance of these potentially life-long relationships. We are also urging our children to recognize the influence their friends have on them and the impact they can have in return. It is an important responsibility that should not be taken lightly. Just as when America chooses allies in the world speaks volumes about who and what kind of nation we are, children need to realize that their friends say a great deal about them, whether they want it to or not.