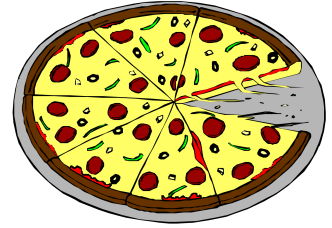


ACTIVITIES FOR “HIS NAME IS TY”

RELATIONSHIPS: Ask the children to list eight qualities that go into a friendship, then have them create a “Friendship Pizza” by cutting a circle into eight slices and writing each quality on a pizza section. Together the parts make a whole pizza. How does this compare to a solid friendship and/or a “whole” person?



Discuss situations in which the children felt left out or an outsider. If a new boy or girl moved into the neighborhood, what could you do to make them feel more comfortable? How would you make friends in a new town? Discuss the suggestions. Compile these suggestions to make a poster illustrating these suggestions for your classroom or for the school hallway.

GIVING / EMPATHY: Giving to others can make us feel good. Talk about small things we can do for others without being asked. These have been termed “Random Acts of Kindness.” Brainstorm ideas: Send a letter to someone in the military. Plant seeds and when they sprout, give them to a stranger. Give someone a compliment. Set up a food drive. Visit a nursing home and sing songs. Join a walk-a-thon. How did it make you feel? How did the recipient feel? Recognize these acts by cutting out strips of colored paper.



As students begin enacting these ideas, have them write their name and act on a strip. Tape it into a circle and make a chain. Discuss acts of kindness you observe others performing. Challenge other classes to come up with their own random acts. Students will learn the joy and benefits of doing acts of kindness for others. At the same time they will become more aware of thoughts and feelings of those around them. Visit www.actsofkindness.org for lots of ideas.

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