Gertrude's First Day

Classroom Edition Learning Guide



A Story About New Beginnings

Gertrude's first day at Triple G Farms shows us how kindness, patience, and friendship can help someone feel safe and loved in a new place. We can all be a welcoming friend!

Ages 3–5

Welcome, Gertrude!

Color the picture and draw a heart above each animal to show they are friends.



Circle the Kind Things

Circle the pictures that show a kind friend.


Share


Help


Include


Listen


Be Patient


Be a Friend

Draw a Welcoming Scene

Draw a picture of yourself being a welcoming friend.

Ages 6–8

Spot the Differences

Look at the two pictures. Find and circle five differences.





Color and Be Creative

Color the picture below. Draw a background to show Gertrude's new home at Triple G Farms.



Think About It!

1. How did Gertrude feel when she first arrived at the farm?

2. Who helped Gertrude feel safe and welcome?

3. What are some kind things MayBelle, Amos, and the family did for Gertrude?

4. Have you ever been new somewhere? How did it feel?

5. What can you do to help someone feel welcome?

Word Search

Find and circle the words below.

KIND
FRIEND
WELCOME
PATIENT
CARING
INCLUDE
HELP
SHARE
LISTEN
RESPECT

K	I	N	D	F	R	I	E	N	D
W	E	L	C	O	M	E	S	H	A
P	A	T	I	E	N	T	C	A	R
C	A	R	I	N	G	H	E	L	P
I	N	C	L	U	D	E	L	I	S
R	E	S	P	E	C	T	E	N	T
S	H	A	R	E	F	A	R	M	K
L	I	S	T	E	N	N	E	W	G
H	E	L	P	K	I	N	D	A	O
F	R	I	E	N	D	C	A	R	E

My Kindness Challenge

This week, do one kind thing to help someone feel welcome. It could be at school, at home, or in your community.

Here are some ideas:

- Invite someone to play.
- Sit with someone new.
- Say hello.
- Share something.
- Help when needed.
- Help when needed.
- Be a good listener.
- Include others.