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Hey Kids!



In the movie, Stuart Little 2, Stuart makes a new friend. She is a bird and her name is Margalo. She fell from the sky right into his little red sports car as he was zipping around the city! Her arrival was unexpected, but through their adventures together, she became a fun and special friend for Stuart.

During the movie, Margalo disappears from the Little household. Stuart strikes out to go search for her. He doesn't want to lose his friend.

Friendship is something special. It's important to have people that care for you and love you, in addition to your family. And just as it is important to have friends, it's equally important to be a good friend.

During August, many of you will be returning to school. As you look forward to the new year, think about the new boys and girls you will meet. Think about how you will treat one another.

In the Bible, **Jesus** gives us a Golden Rule to follow, "Treat others as you want them to treat you." (Matthew 7:12)

What does that mean? It means, if you want someone to smile at you, then you should be willing to smile first. If you want someone to share something with you, then you should be willing to share something first. If you want someone to be your friend, then you should be willing to be kind and friendly first.

During the week ahead, take time to think about the importance of friendship. Can you think of all the ways you can be a good friend?



FUN WITH FRIENDS

How many small words can you find in the big word, "FRIENDSHIP"?
List them below. A couple of words are listed to help get you started.

1. dine
2. fire

In the space below, draw a picture of your friends.

In your prayers this week, pray for...

- ...your friends from school
- ...your friends from church
- ...your neighbors
- ...your friends who live far away