

12 WAYS TO DEVELOP FRIENDSHIPS WITH KIDS

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- 2 Call them by name. (Sometimes a name tag helps!)
- 3 Make sure your face smiles more than it frowns.
- 4 Point out things they're good at. Let them to talk, too. Don't say "shhhh!" all the time.
- 5 Welcome their questions...even really hard ones.
- 6 Let your classroom be a safe place to mess up.
- 7 Plan fun and memorable things for them to do at church.
- 8 Help them make new friends.
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