When his dad suggests making an “enemy pie,” the boy in this book is excited, but confused about the requirement of spending an entire day with his adversary. In the end, he learns how to turn a best enemy into a best friend. In the full episode, a series of young friends share stories of how they became friends and how they make their friendships work. Then, LeVar introduces us to two friends from very different backgrounds who spend the day exploring their cultural differences. They discover that they are more similar than they ever would have thought.

Here are several activities you and your child can do together after watching this episode.

Make a List

Write the letters “f-r-i-e-n-d-s-h-i-p” vertically on a large sheet of paper. Talk with your child about what each of those letters might stand for and write it beside each letter. For example, F might stand for fun because friends have fun together.

Creating a Friendship Poster

Together with your child, look through old magazines and newspapers to find pictures showing friendship. Cut them out and make a friendship collage to hang in your child’s room as a reminder of what friendship is all about.

Sharing with Friends

Encourage your child to invite a friend over to play for the afternoon. Help them make a pie or a favorite family dessert. During the visit, share the episode “Enemy Pie” or another favorite book with them. This activity will help your child understand how sharing time with friends will strengthen their friendship.

It’s All About Friends

Discuss with your child what qualities are important in friendships. Talk about what qualities his or her friends have that make them good friends.

Assist your child in making a “friendship” book. Each page might begin with, “_________ is a good friend because ___________” or “I am a good friend because ___________.” Have them create drawings that match the text. Staple the written and illustrated pages together to create a book.
Visit Your Community Library

Here are some books you can check out on your next trip to the library:

And to Think That We Thought That We’d Never Be Friends by Mary Ann Hoberman, illus. by Kevin Hawkes

Best Friends by Miriam Cohen