

Enemy Pie

A RIF GUIDE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Themes: Friendship, Acceptance, Jealousy

Grade Level: 1st to 3rd grade

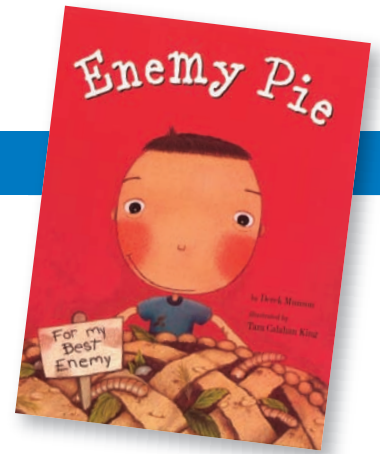
Book Brief: With the help of his father's secret recipe, a young boy learns about friendship.

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TIME TO READ!

Before reading, make

connections: Does your child have any friends who started out as enemies?

Any friends they didn't like at first but like now?

While reading, make predictions: As you read, ask your child to guess what will happen next. How will the story end? What kinds of gross things is the father putting in his "enemy pie"?

After reading, ask questions:

- ◆ Why doesn't the boy like Jeremy Ross?
- ◆ Does he have a good reason?
- ◆ Why does the father make his son spend the day with Jeremy?
- ◆ Why does the boy change his mind about Jeremy?
- ◆ What do you think the "enemy pie" was really made of?

RELATED ACTIVITIES

DIRT PIE

Ingredients: instant chocolate pudding, milk, chocolate cookies or graham crackers (crushed), gummy worms or frogs (optional)

Make instant pudding using the directions on the package. Pour it into a pie pan or glass bowl.

Put cookie crumbs on top as "dirt" and decorate with gummy animals. Use low-fat pudding and skim milk for a healthful choice.

OUT AND ABOUT

It's easy to say you don't like something if you've never tried it. The next time you're out, challenge your child to try something new—taste a new kind of food, play a new game, talk to a new person, anything! Talk about the results.

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

Materials: 3 different colors of string or thin rope, tape, beads (optional)

1. Cut 3 pieces of different colored string, about the same length. Tie a knot in one end.
2. Tape the tied end down to hold it steady and braid or twist the string together. Add beads if you want.
3. When the bracelet is long enough, knot the end and tie it around the child's wrist.
4. Let kids make bracelets with or for a friend to celebrate friendship.



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

OTHER BOOKS ABOUT FRIENDSHIP

One of Us, Peggy Moss (2010), *Wings*, Christopher Myers (2000), *Bein' with You This Way*, W. Nikola-Lisa (1997).

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