

**SMART TIPS**

# From acquaintance to friend

**Materials:** Worksheet copies, pens or pencils

**Directions:** Read the worksheet, complete the activity and discuss as a group.

When we meet someone, they can become one of two types of people in our lives: Acquaintances or friends.

**An acquaintance is someone we don't know well and rarely spend time with. A friend is someone we bond with and share time together.**

Do you have an acquaintance you'd like to become a friend? In today's activity, we'll look at ways to make it happen!

**TIPS TO BECOMING A FRIEND**

- Remember their birthday and other special occasions.
- Participate in joint activities, like homework or sports.
- Invite them to hang out at your house.
- Listen to their problems and frustrations.
- Take them along on family outings.

**STEP ONE**

On the worksheet, list some of your acquaintances. Do you want to become friends with any of them? If so, write how to turn them into a friend using the tips and example to help guide you.

**STEP TWO**

Let's discuss what we wrote about turning an acquaintance into a friend. What tips will you use?

ACQUAINTANCE	TURNING THE ACQUAINTANCE INTO A FRIEND
Sarah	I'll ask Sarah to eat lunch with me.

