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Monthly Theme: August through May
Elementary Level Series 1

December: The Gift of Friendship

(two weekly themes)

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*As much as possible, narrate the messages in order listed for the best flow of ideas.
We have provided more messages than necessary for a typical month
so you can choose those messages best suited for your campus.

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“Real Friends/Real Success”

This ERS lesson plan and additional broadcast message correspond to this theme.

FRIENDSHIP

Good morning, name of school. This is name of narrator with a few words of wisdom.

When we are very young, one of the first things we learn is to share our toys and crayons. Learning to share is our first lesson in learning how to be a friend. Greek philosopher Pythagoras, says:

Friends share all things.

As we get older, friendship means more than sharing things like toys and paints. It means sharing the good times and the bad. It means sharing our feelings . . . our fears . . . our dreams. Listen to this Yugoslav proverb:

***Show me a friend who will weep with me,
who will laugh with me, and I can find myself.***

Sharing our thoughts and feelings with a close friend can actually help us understand ourselves better, whether that friend is someone your age or a parent or a counselor. Today, share one of your fears or one of your dreams with a trusted friend. You might just discover something new about yourself.

With something to think about, this is name of narrator. Make it a great day . . . or not. The choice is yours.

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MIGHT

Forgiveness/Friends

Good morning, name of school. This is name of narrator with a few words of wisdom.

If I were to ask you to name some "mighty men" or "mighty people," whom would you name? Body builders? Soldiers? Football players? Well, you'd be right. These people do have mighty strong bodies.

But you don't have to be physically strong to be a mighty person. You don't have to be pumped up and brawny. And you don't have to be a man. There's an old Hebrew saying:

Who is mighty? One who makes an enemy into a friend.

That's a tall order . . . making an enemy into a friend, but when you do, something mighty powerful can happen. Your enemy becomes your friend, and that's mighty good!

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OVERCOMING LONELINESS

Friendship

Good morning, name of school. This is name of narrator with a few words of wisdom.

For some of us, our years growing up can be very lonely. We don't feel that we fit in. We don't feel that we are good-looking enough, smart enough, well-dressed enough, so we hide out and hang out . . . all by ourselves.

But look around! You aren't the only one who feels this way. There are others out there who feel the same:

***Are you lonely, O my brother?
Share yourself with another!
Stretch a hand to one unfriended,
And your loneliness is ended.****

It's hard to reach out when you are shy or feel unsure of yourself. It feels scary, but, if you can muster up the courage to reach out to someone in friendship, you may make a friend for life.

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FRIENDSHIP

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Friendship is an interesting word. A friend is someone who knows all about you and still likes you, and a ship, of course, is a large boat. So that means that a friend-ship is a boat that holds two friends.

A friend-ship can help you reach your dreams and goals in life. A friend-ship can carry you over the roughest waters, the hardest times. A friend-ship can give you a safe place when you are upset or hurt.

There's an old American proverb that says:

Friendships are glued together with little kindnesses.

If you have a good friend, be thankful. Tell him or her you are happy to have such a good friend, then do something special to show how thankful you are.

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One of the most important choices we ever make is choosing our friends. Good friends support us in being our best. Good friends encourage us to do the right thing. They help us through the bad times and celebrate with us during the good times.

Now listen to this Mexican proverb:

***Go with the good and you will be one of them.
(Acompáñate con los buenos y será uno de ellos.)***

If you have a good friend who helps you in being the very best you can be, be thankful. Better yet, tell your friend how much you appreciate his or her friendship.

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