

Grade Level: Grade 1

Subject: Social Studies

# Objective:

- Students will learn about the concept of friendship and the value of supporting and encouraging others.
- Students will explore the importance of self-confidence and belief in oneself.
- Students will practice empathy and compassion towards their peers.

### Materials:

- Copy of the story "Jungle Buddyz: A Race to Remember"
- Chart paper and markers
- Drawing materials (crayons, pencils, etc.)
- Construction paper
- Glue
- Friendship tree display materials (optional) construction paper, drawing materials, scissors, glue

#### Introduction:

- 1. Begin the lesson by discussing the concept of friendship with the students. Ask them questions such as:
  - What does friendship mean to you?
  - How do friends support and help each other?
  - Why is it important to have friends?
- 2. Introduce the story "Jungle Buddyz: A Race to Remember" to the students. Show the book cover and ask them to predict what the story might be about based on the cover and the title.

## Story Comprehension:

- 1. Read the story "Jungle Buddyz: A Race to Remember" aloud to the students. Encourage them to listen attentively and follow along.
- 2. After reading the story, engage the students in a discussion to check their comprehension. Ask questions like:
  - Who were the main characters in the story?

- Why was Scooter feeling nervous?
- How did Scooter's friends help him overcome his fear?
- What did Scooter learn from the race?

#### Discussion and Reflection:

- 1. Facilitate a group discussion about the importance of friendship and supporting others. Encourage the students to share their thoughts and experiences.
- 2. Lead a reflection session on times when the students have supported their friends or when they have felt supported by others. Prompt them to think about how it made them feel and why it was important.
- 3. Discuss the concept of self-confidence and belief in oneself. Ask the students how Scooter's belief in himself helped him complete the race. Encourage them to share instances when they demonstrated self-confidence in their own lives.

### Conclusion:

- 1. Summarize the main points of the lesson, emphasizing the importance of friendship, support, empathy, and self-confidence.
- 2. Have the students share their reflections on the lesson, and encourage them to continue being supportive friends to each other.
- 3. Thank the students for their participation and engagement throughout the lesson.

## **Extension Activity:**

- 1. Optional: Friendship Tree Display
  - Provide each student with a piece of construction paper and drawing materials.
  - Instruct the students to draw a tree trunk and branches on the paper.
- On the branches, have them write the names of their friends or classmates who they consider to be good friends.
- Encourage them to decorate the tree and add pictures or drawings of activities they enjoy doing with their friends.
- Display the friendship trees in the classroom as a reminder of the importance of friendship and support.

Note: Modify and adapt the activities as needed to suit the specific needs and abilities of your Grade 1 students.