

FUMCESLL 6-5-2025 Lesson About Friends

**Introduce yourself.** Talk about your best friend. How did you meet? What do you like to do together? In what ways are you alike? How long have you been friends?

DAYS WITH FROG AND TOAD: Alone

Teachers: select students for Frog and Toad, a narrator and Turtle. If you have time, read through the story twice.

**Narrator:** Toad went to Frog's house. There was a note on the door.

**Toad:** Frog left a note. It says, "Dear Toad, I am not at home. I went out. I want to be alone."

**Narrator:** Toad looked puzzled.

**Toad:** Alone? Frog has me for a friend. Why does he want to be alone? I will look in the windows. No, Toad is not in his house. I will look in the garden. No, Frog is not in the garden I will go to the woods to look for Frog. No, Frog is not in the woods. I will look in the meadow. No, Frog is not in the meadow. I will go to the river. Maybe Frog is at the river.

**Narrator:** So Toad went to the river. Sure enough, there was Frog. He was sitting on an island in the middle of the river. He was all by himself.

**Toad:** Poor Frog! He must be very sad. I will cheer him up. I will run home. I will make some sandwiches. I will make a pitcher of iced tea. I will put everything in a basket.

**Narrator:** Toad packed up the food and drinks and hurried back to the river.

**Toad:** Frog!

**Narrator:** Frog didn't move.

**Toad:** Frog! It's me. It's your best friend, Toad!

**Narrator:** Frog was too far away to hear.

**Toad:** Toad can't hear me. I will take off my jacket and wave it like a flag

**Narrator:** But Toad was too far away to see. Toad shouted and waved, but it was no use. Frog sat on the island. Frog did not see or hear Toad. A turtle swam by.

**Toad:** Turtle, please carry me to the island. Frog is there. He wants to be alone!

**Turtle:** If Frog wants to be alone, why don't you leave him alone?

**Toad:** Maybe you are right. Maybe Frog does not want to see me. Maybe he does not want me to be his friend anymore. Sometimes I say dumb things. Sometimes I act silly. Maybe Frog doesn't want a friend that says dumb things and acts silly.

**Turtle:** Maybe.

**Narrator:** But Toad didn't want to lose his friend. He wanted to cheer Toad up. So Toad jumped on the turtle's back. The turtle swam to the island. When the turtle and Toad got close to the island, Toad cried out.

**Toad:** Frog! I am sorry for all the dumb things I do. I am sorry for all the silly things. Please be my friend again!

**Narrator:** Toad slipped off the turtle. With a splash, he fell in the river. Frog pulled Toad up onto the island. Toad looked in the basket. The sandwiches were wet. The pitcher of iced tea was empty.

**Toad:** Our lunch is spoiled. I made it for you, Frog. I made it so you would be happy. I made it so you would still be my friend.

**Frog:** But, Toad. I am happy. I am very happy. This morning when I woke up, I felt good. The sun was shining. I felt good because I was a frog. And I felt good because I have you for a friend. I wanted to be alone. I wanted to think about how fine everything is.

**Toad:** Oh. I guess that is a very good reason for wanting to be alone. I am sorry I bothered you.

**Frog:** Don't worry, Toad. I will be glad NOT to be alone. Let's eat lunch!

**Narrator:** Frog and Toad stayed on the island all afternoon. They ate wet sandwiches without iced tea. They were two close friends sitting alone together.

1. Toad was worried that he had lost his best friend. He tried to think of what he might have done to make Toad angry or sad. Have you ever had this feeling?
2. What did Toad do to try to make Frog happy?
3. Why was Frog on the island all alone?
4. What did Turtle think Toad should do?
5. Was Toad right to try to make Frog happy or should he have just left Frog alone?
6. Talk about a time when you just wanted to be left alone.

**Match the saying with the meaning:**

Idiom or Saying	Meaning
A friend in need is a friend indeed.	We need more than physical things like food and shelter to be happy.
Beware of fair weather friends.	You can accomplish things more efficiently without the presence of others.
I <b>struck up</b> a conversation with the pretty girl in our class.	People prefer to be around others who are happy rather than sad.
He travels fastest who travels alone.	Staying out of a situation that isn't good for fear of making it worse.
Leave well enough alone.	Someone who remains a friend only when things are going well but abandons others during times of trouble or difficulty.
Man does not live on bread alone.	to initiate something
Smile and the world smiles with you. Cry and you cry alone.	A true friend is someone who helps and supports you when you are in a difficult time.