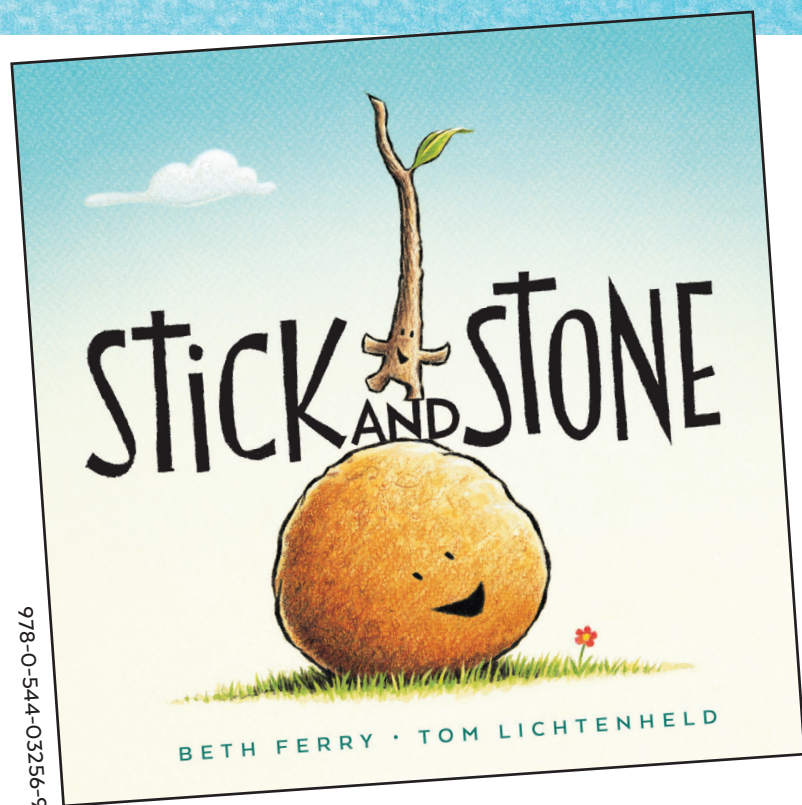


Activity Kit



Stick AND Stone

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Meet Stick and Stone.
They stick up for each other, because best friends rock!

Stick and Stone are all alone. But when Pinecone makes fun of Stone and hurts his feelings, Stick steps in and defends Stone. “That’s just what sticks do. Friends do it too,” says Stick. Now Stick and Stone are inseparable best friends. When Stick gets stuck, it’s Stone to the rescue. “That’s just what stones do. Best friendship rocks too,” says Stone.

Young children will love this simple story of two friends who help when bullies tease and who don’t give up when it seems like all is lost. Use the activities in this kit to explore the power of friendship with Stick and Stone!

“These two characters are a delight to know.” —BOOKLIST



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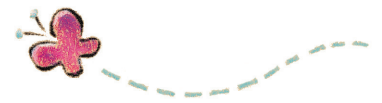
hmhbooks.com/stickandstone

Circle-Time Activities

As you gather young children together for a fun reading of *Stick and Stone*, try these friendship-themed warm-up activities!

A FRIEND IS...

Talk about friendship with the children. What do they see as good qualities in a friend? How do they feel when someone teases them? Have they ever experienced a time when a friend came to their rescue? Have they ever stepped in and rescued a friend? How does it feel to have a friend help you? How does it feel to help a friend? Allow the children to share their stories and experiences with the group.



TAKE THE FRIENDSHIP PLEDGE

Encourage the children to stand up straight and raise their right hands and take the Friendship Pledge. Have them repeat after the leader:

*I promise to be a good friend.
I will stick up for my friend
if my friend is being teased.
I will help my friend whenever I can.
I will treat my friend the way I want to be treated.
Friendship rocks!*

SING-ALONG!

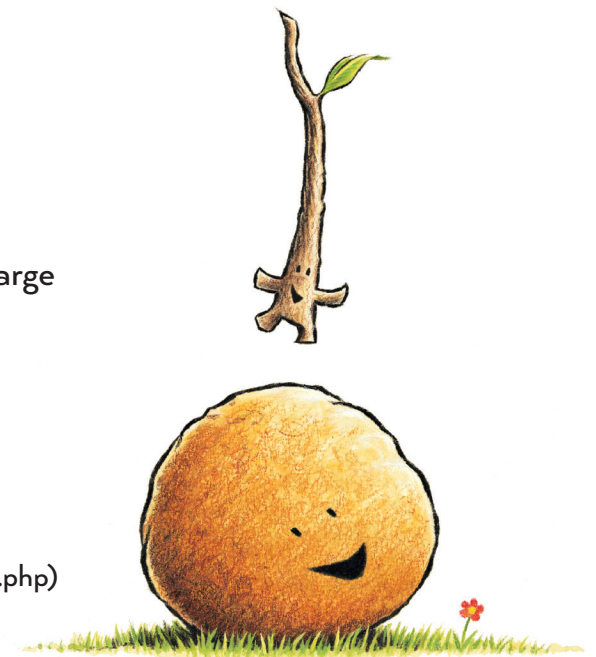
Sing "Make New Friends" with the children. If the group is large and the kids are a bit older, trying singing it in rounds!

*Make new friends, but keep the old,
One is silver and the other's gold.
A circle is round; it has no end.
That's how long I'm going to be your friend!*

(Listen to the tune at www.songsforteaching.com/folk/makenewfriends.php)

SECRET FRIENDSHIP HANDSHAKE

Make up a secret handshake and teach it to the children. The sillier your movements, the better! Try a fist bump, followed by two open-hand taps, and finish with wiggling fingers to a salute. The possibilities are endless!



Friendship Bracelets

Cut out the bracelets below and use tape to secure them around a wrist.

stick_{AND}stone forever!

FRIENDSHIP ROCKS!



I stick by my friends.

Friend + Friend = FUN!



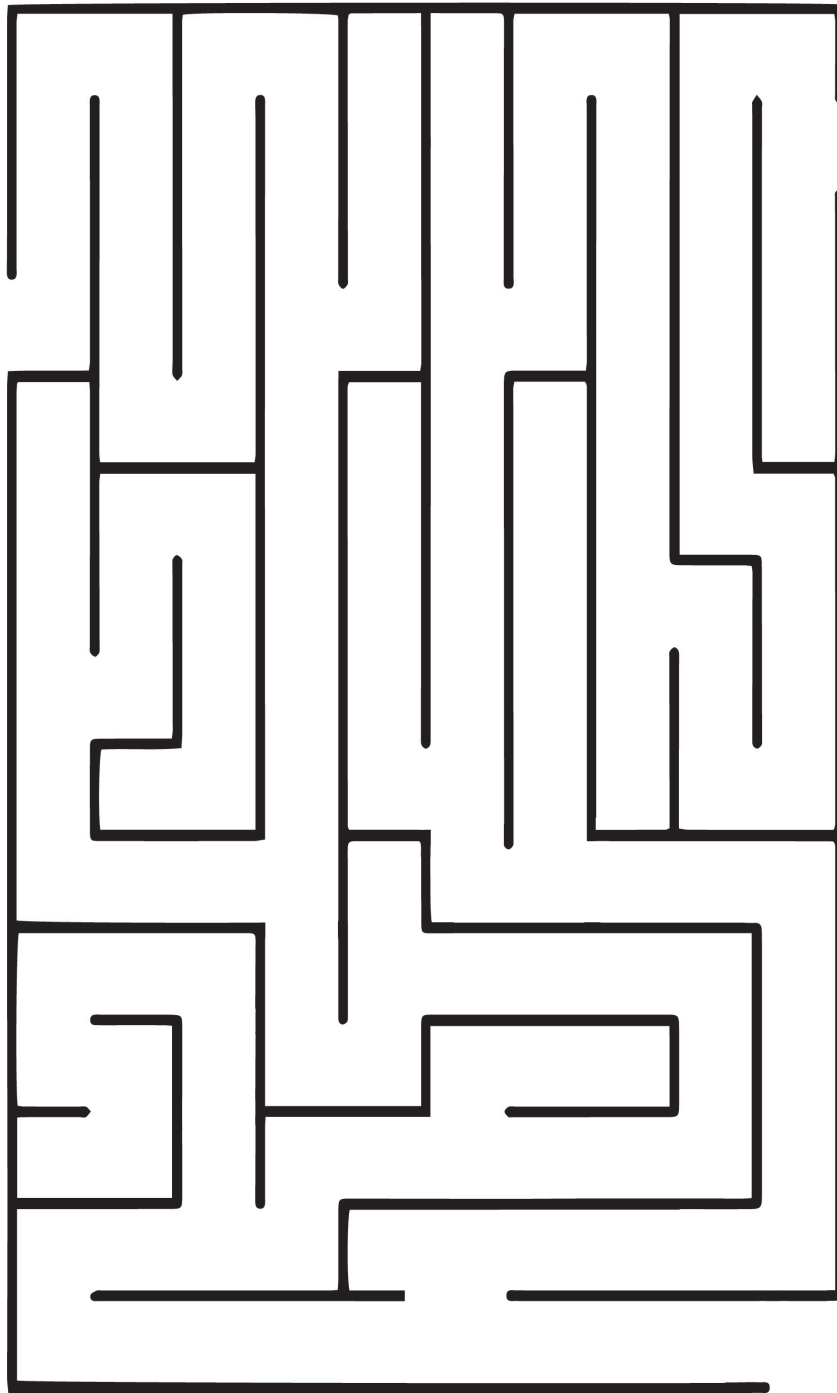
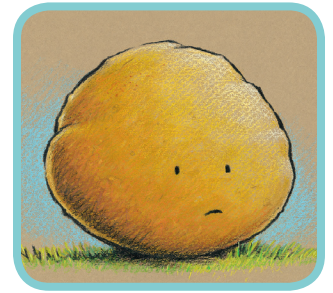
Maze

At first, Stick and Stone are lonely and alone. But then Stick helps Stone, and a friendship grows. Find the paths that lead Stick and Stone from their solitary beginnings to their happy friendship.

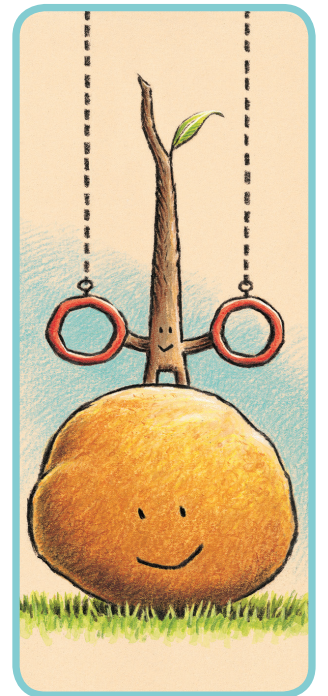
Stick ▶



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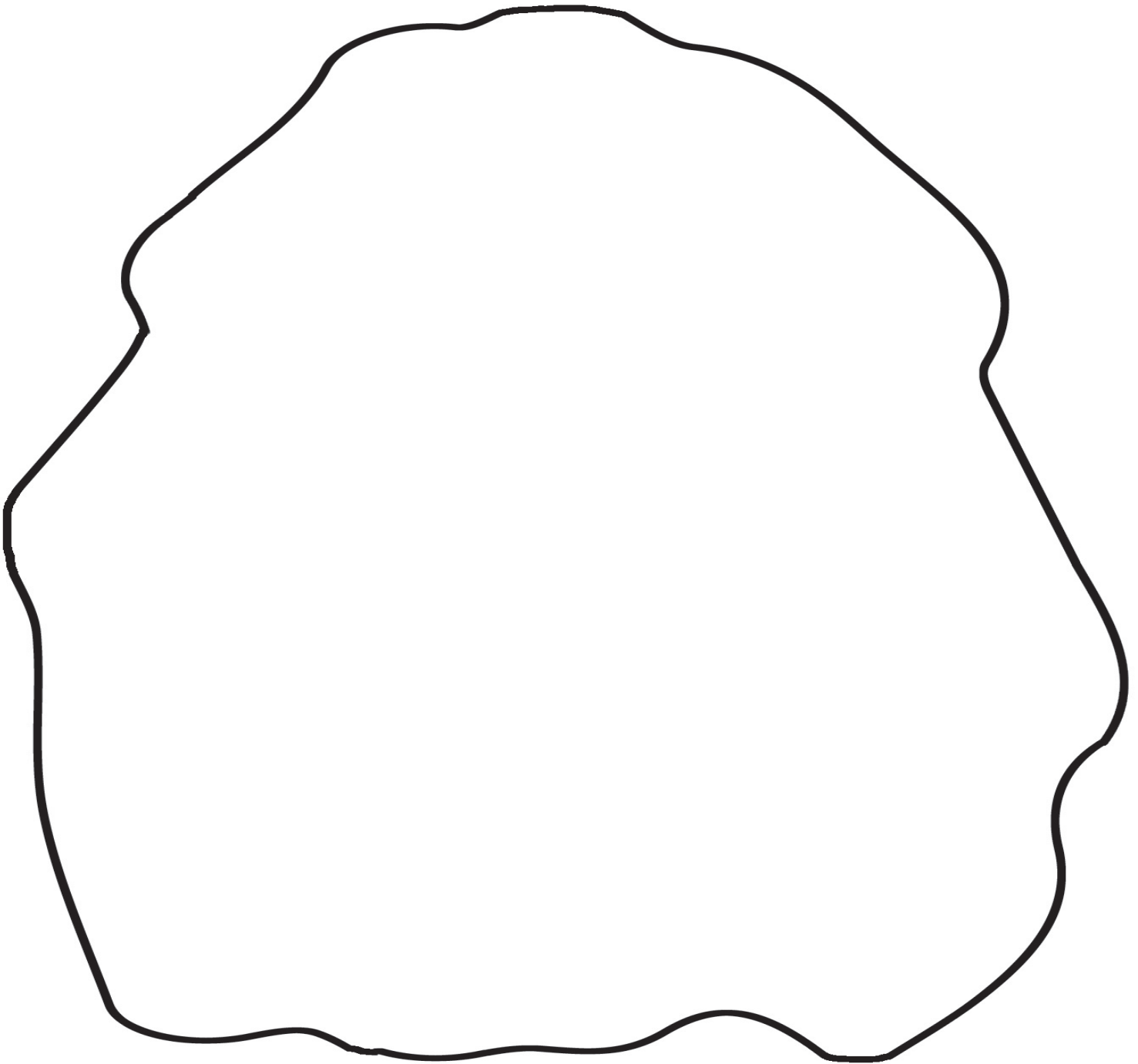
Stick, Stone. No longer alone.



Imagine and Draw

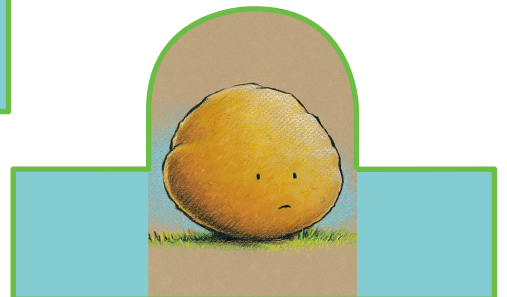
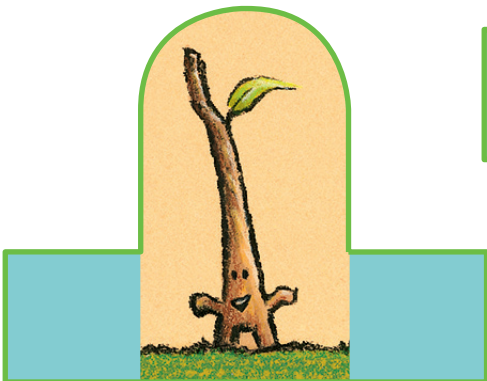
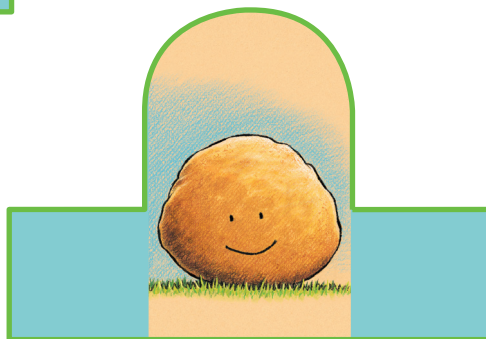
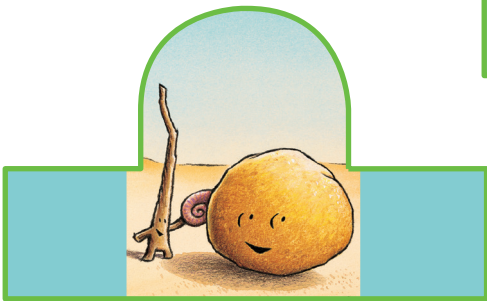
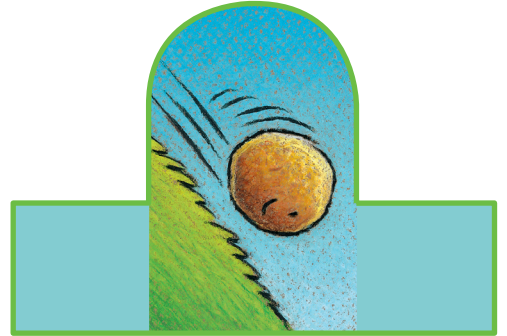
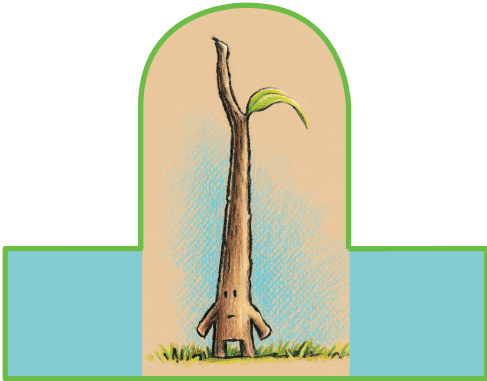


Stick and Stone have fun lazing and wandering together, and they also like to explore! What do you imagine they found in this cave? Draw a picture of it!



Puppets

Cut out the finger puppets below and tape the tabs together to make rings for fingers.
Act out the story, or make up your own adventures for Stick, Stone, and Pinecone!

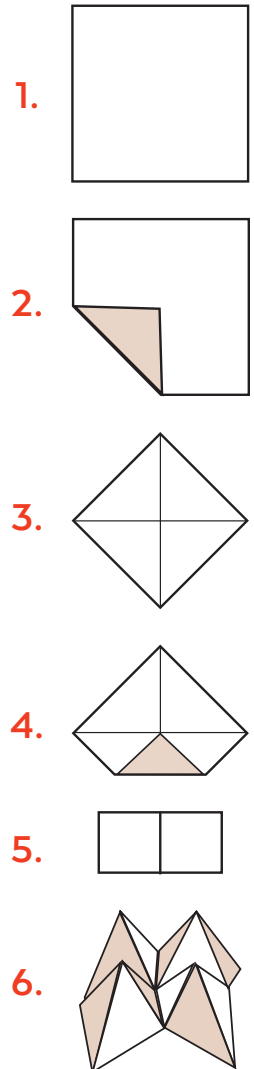


Friend Catcher

Cut out the Friend Catcher template on the next page.

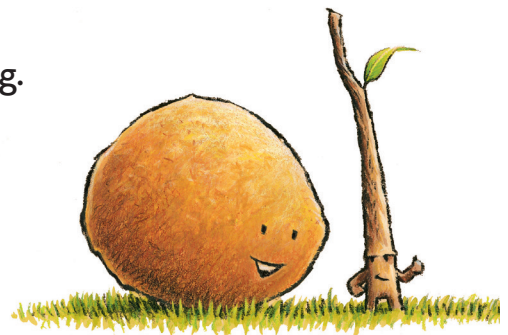
FOLDING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Put the catcher face down on a table; the plain side of the paper should be facing you.
2. Fold the four corners in toward the center of the square, creasing along the blue lines.
3. Flip that square over so the “Friendship Rocks!” side is facing you.
4. Fold the four corners in toward the center of the square, creasing along the orange lines.
5. Fold the bottom edge of the square so it’s even with the top edge, creating a rectangle.
6. Work your thumb and first finger under the four flaps and push your fingertips together to create the four points meeting in the center. Work your fingers in unison, moving side to side and then up and down to make your Friend Catcher open and close. When it’s open, you’ll see numbers on the inside flaps.





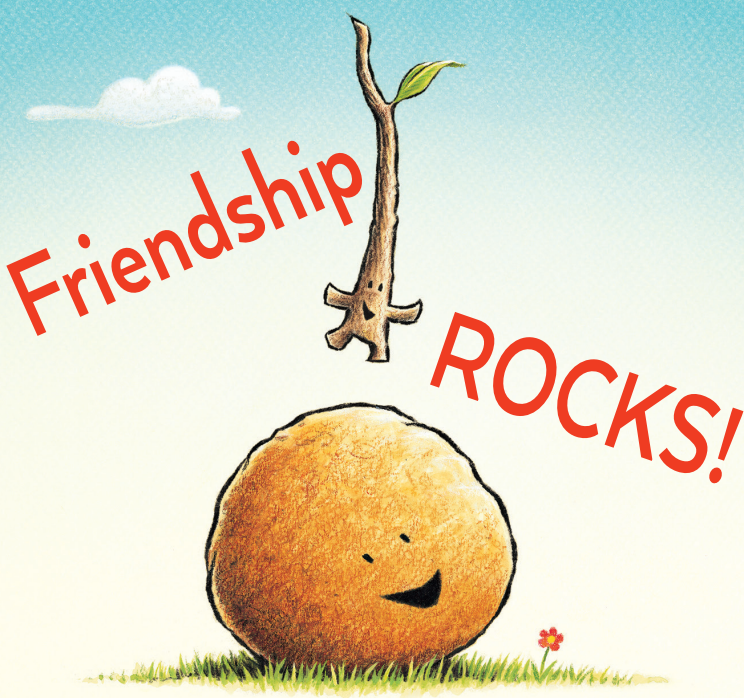
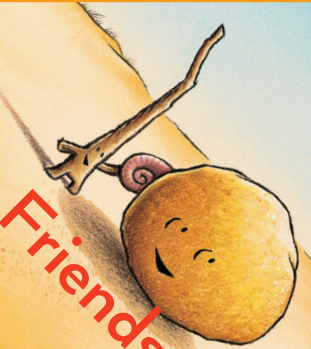

FRIEND-CATCHING INSTRUCTIONS

- Invite a classmate to pick one of the images on the outside of the catcher: Stick, Stone, Pinecone, or Friends.
- Working your fingers in unison, spell out the name of the chosen character, moving the catcher with each letter. Example: S-T-I-C-K moves the catcher five times.
- Have the classmate pick one of the numbers showing. Move the catcher that many times.
- Have the classmate pick a number again. Open the catcher to reveal the question beneath the number chosen and pose it to your classmate.



Now you’ve caught a friend!

Friend Catcher Template

 <p>Pinecone</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Who are your favorite friends?</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Describe a time when a friend stuck up for you.</p>	 <p>Stone</p>
<p>6</p> <p>What is the best way to make a new friend?</p>			<p>1</p> <p>What do you like best about your friends?</p>
<p>5</p> <p>Describe a time when you stuck up for a friend.</p>			<p>2</p> <p>Do you have one best friend or a lot of friends?</p>
 <p>Friends</p>	<p>4</p> <p>What do your friends like best about you?</p>	<p>3</p> <p>What is your favorite thing to do with your friends?</p>	 <p>Stick</p>