



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

WHAT IS FRIENDSHIP FIXER?

Friendship Fixer is your conflict resolution solution! It is character education that teaches children conflict resolution skills for life. Many of the extension activities are mapped to content standards for complementing your core curriculum. There are age appropriate lessons designed for preschool and elementary-aged children in any kind of education venue. The central messages of the program are peace, reconciliation, and personal responsibility. The easy-to-remember steps and fun music help reinforce for children the importance of their relationships with others today, everyday, and forever. Children learn how and why to fix a friendship effectively and independently. The program imparts necessary relationship skills for children to put in their “backpack of life skills” to take with them always.

WHAT OTHER WAYS CAN THIS PROGRAM BE USED?

The Friendship Fixer program can be easily modified for a variety of educational settings with children. For example, it's great for summer clubs, community center programs, after school programs, places of worship, youth groups, homeschoolers, and even your own family.

Additionally, we offer a **Musical Theater Program**, geared for 3rd – 6th graders! It includes professionally bound scripts for 35 speaking parts, a performance track and split tracks, a detailed director's guide with notes for casting, choreography, blocking, costumes, props, as well as reproducible lyrics.

I'M A BUSY EDUCATOR, HOW MUCH EXTRA TIME IS THIS PROGRAM GOING TO TAKE?

The preschool /Jr. Kindergarten and K-2 kit lessons are clear and concise, designed to fit within 10 minutes each. Preparation time is estimated at 15 minutes or less per lesson. Each curriculum kit contains 8 fully scripted lessons and can be done over 8 days, 8 weeks, or whatever variation works for your schedule.

The 3-4+ grade kit lessons are 45 minutes each and cover more complex relationship conflicts, provide more time for application of the concepts, and engage children in reinforcing extension activities. If a reduced timeframe is needed, the extension activities could be saved for review later in the year, and lessons would average 25-30 minutes.

IS FRIENDSHIP FIXER DIFFERENT FROM OTHER CONFLICT RESOLUTION PROGRAMS? WHY DO I NEED *THIS* PROGRAM?

Friendship Fixer is specifically designed to equip students with conflict resolution, relational, and interpersonal skills for life. It is the only program of its kind designed for progressive learning and application, campus-wide. Friendship Fixer helps students better understand the inward attitudes that are causing the outward conflict, and how to respond. With a clear set of principles, easy to remember steps, and fun music to reinforce the central concepts, Friendship Fixer helps students *independently* take ownership for conflict resolution as they practice these skills and put them into their “backpack of life skills” forever.

HOW WILL THIS PROGRAM HELP OUR SCHOOL?

This program brings a unifying approach to conflict resolution with one common language and method used campus-wide. This program brings greater development of interpersonal and communication skills for life, greater ownership for personal choices and behaviors, a constant focus on forgiveness, increased self-esteem, and opportunities to demonstrate and reflect positive character in your community. We've

heard that Friendship Fixer even increases staff development as each member of the educational team sharpens one another in the area of friendships.

HOW WILL THIS PROGRAM HELP MY STUDENTS?

Your students will dramatically reduce petty arguments, tattling, overly sensitive reactions, and other draining friendship issues as they use their Friendship Fixer skills to independently and confidently resolve their conflicts. Additionally, as they work through sample conflict scenarios, students will fine-tune their interpersonal and communication skills with one another and head off potential conflicts all of which leads to more fulfilling and positive relationships now and in the future. Often it's effective conflict resolution skills that set leaders apart from others. All of these positive aspects can create a more focused learning environment for your purposes.

CAN I COPY THESE LESSONS AND GIVE THEM TO OTHER TEACHERS AND/OR SCHOOLS?

No. Besides being a violation of our copyright laws, practice and testing tells us the most effective implementation of Friendship Fixer is for each educator to have his/her own kit. While some materials are reproducible, others are not. Materials like posters, music CDs and lesson plans can be easily referred to and accessed throughout the year when an educator has his/her own kit.

DO YOU OFFER CAMPUS-WIDE SITE LICENSING FOR THE FRIENDSHIP FIXER PROGRAM?

Yes. A CD-ROM is available which includes the necessary materials for campus-wide implementation. Once purchased, the contents may be freely reproduced for use by your specific education venue. Each site-license kit includes several posters, music CDs, and sets of custom tab dividers for your binders, as well as helpful playground resources. Please refer to the All Products tab and select Campus Site Licenses for more details.

ARE THERE TRAINING AND/OR SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE?

Yes. There are several interactive, customizable training in-service sessions designed for all educators/administrators, support staff, playground helpers, and/or frequent parent volunteers, and even your parent community. Please contact us for pricing and scheduling at 1-888-360-5409.

IS FRIENDSHIP FIXER SUCCESSFUL? HAS IT BEEN TESTED?

Yes. It has been introduced to schools, community groups, and families from the beginning stages of program development in 2003 to the official nation-wide launch in 2007. Educators love the message behind the program, the easy to remember steps, and the lasting results. Students love being known as a "Friendship Fixer" and the positive pride that comes with working out their issues independently. Please feel free to download our statistics summary under the Stats & Samples tab.

TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE NEW BOOK, How to Handle A Hippo?

How to Handle a Hippo is a story about friendship and designed to stand alone or complement the Friendship Fixer core concepts. It is the first in a series of books we will offer to support the overall program and help children with their friendships and effective conflict resolution. Book 2 will be out later in 2012. There's more detail about it on the Featured Products tab.

DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL OR OLDER?

You can use the core concepts of the Friendship Fixer program with any age. We often hear adults comment about the value of the model and 6 steps. The music and other supporting materials would require adjustments to suit this age group. We encourage you to engage older students in submitting scenarios they are struggling with, and then utilize the Friendship Fixer model as the foundation for meaningful discussion and resolution of those scenarios.