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- Bible presentation in class

Groups (9:25, 10:40, 11:55)

9:00 & 11:30

- Wrap You in a Hug

10:15

- You've Got a Friend

Playground/Centers (9:40, 10:55, 12:10)

- If the weather allows, travel to the playground for 10 minutes of playtime outside.

Snack (9:52, 11:07, 12:22)

- Offer snack to the children, indoors

Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)

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Social (9:00, 10:15, 11:30)

Let one teacher lead children in activities throughout the room while another teacher greets parents and kids at the door. At this age not all children will participate, but most will want to be part of the fun.

9:00 & 11:30

Goodbye Love

"Hello and Goodbye" is an activity that introduces this week's Bible Truth while children move in and out of the tunnel.

What You Need: Pop-up tunnel

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Set up the tunnel in an open area in the room.

During the Activity: Line kids up at one end of the tunnel and then you stand at the other end. First kid turns to the kids behind him, waves goodbye, crawls through the tunnel to get a hug or high five from you, and then line up behind you to greet the next kid coming through the tunnel. Repeat as many times as desired.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Truth.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, boys and girls! Come line up at the tunnel. You'll go one at a time through the tunnel, but before you go through, turn and wave goodbye to the friends behind you."

During the Activity: "Ready? (Pause.) Wave goodbye! (Pause.) Well, hello friend! (Give a hug or high five.) Next up!" (Continue until all the kids have come through.)

After the Activity: "That was so much fun! Today in our Bible Truth David and Jonathan have to say goodbye."

10:15**Flip a Face**

"Flip a Face" is an activity that introduces this week's Bible Truth while children flip and identify the emotions.

What You Need: "Happy," "Sad," "Scared," and "Excited" Activity Pages

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Place activity pages face down on a table or on the floor.

During the Activity: Encourage kids to flip over the cards and identify the emotion then find its match. Repeat as many times as desired.

After the Activity: Introduce the Bible Truth.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Hello, friends. Come sit with me. There are some faces on these cards. We are going to flip them over and say what kind of face it is, like a happy smiley face or a sad frowny face, and then we'll find the matching face."

During the Activity: "Are you ready? *(Pause.)* Pick up one. What kind of face do you see? *(Pause.)* Oh, that's the kind of face you would make when you are _____. *(Pause.)* Let's see if we can find the matching face. *(Pause.)* Did you find the match? *(Pause.)* Let's keep going! *(Continue until all the faces have been turned over and identified.)* Great job!" *(Pause.)*

After the Activity: "That was fun! Which face is your favorite? *(Pause.)* Today in our Bible Truth we are going to hear about when David and Jonathan had to say goodbye and their happy faces turned to sad faces."

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Bible (9:10, 10:25, 11:40)

What You Need: Toy Crown and "Stop Sign" Activity Page

LEADER: "Good morning, everyone. Are you ready to hear more about David and his good friend Jonathan? You are? That's awesome. I love learning about friends that lived a long time ago. David and Jonathan were certainly good, good friends. **Who gives you good friends?**"

God gives me good friends. Yes, He does!"

"Wow! You are doing great with this song. It's so fun to sing about loving being good friends! **Who gives you good friends? [Bottom Line] God gives me good friends.**"

Remember, our memory verse this month tells us why He gave us such good friends. Are you ready?

Let's do it! 'Two (*hold up two fingers*) people (*touch your shoulders*) are better (*raise your arms overhead to form a circle*) than one (*hold up one finger*). They can help (*pound one fist on top of the other*) each other (*touch the person next to you on the shoulder*) in everything they do' (*raise your hands overhead and jump up*), Ecclesiastes 4:9. (*Open your hands like a book.*) Let's do it again."

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Two (*hold up two fingers*) people (*touch your shoulders*) are better (*raise your arms overhead to form a circle*) than one (*hold up one finger*). They can help (*pound one fist on top of the other*) each other (*touch the person next to you on the shoulder*) in everything they do' (*raise your hands overhead and jump up*), Ecclesiastes 4:9." (*Open your hands like a book.*) (*Repeat several times.*)

LEADER: "That is awesome. You can have a seat."

LEADER: "Does anyone remember what we're talking about this month? (*Pause.*) Go ahead and say it out loud!"

CHILDREN and LEADER: "Friends!"

LEADER: “That’s right. We’re talking about how *[Bottom Line]* **God gives me good friends.** Can anyone remember the names of the two friends we talked about from the Bible last week? *(Pause.)*”

CHILDREN and LEADER: “Jonathan and David!”

LEADER: “Yes! David and Jonathan were best friends! AND you might also remember that Jonathan was the son of the King. King Saul was Jonathan’s dad. I’ll be King Saul today.

LEADER as KING SAUL: *(Put crown on your head and speak in a stern, booming voice)* “I’m King Saul. And I’m not nice.”

LEADER: *(Take off crown.)* “To be honest, King Saul wasn’t very nice. And to make matters worse, he didn’t like David. Can you imagine your dad not liking your best friend? *(Pause.)* That would be bad.

“One day, David told Jonathan he was afraid that the mean king would hurt him and he thought that maybe he should just run away. Let’s all stand up and act like we’re running away. Quick everyone, run in place, right where you are.

(Hold up the stop sign.) “But Jonathan stopped him. Let’s stop and sit down. Jonathan promised David that he would go check on the king’s party and that David should hide in a field until he came back. So David hid. Let’s all crouch down and hide like David. *(Crouch down in a ball to show children how to “hide.”)*”

“David hid while Jonathan went to check things out. Jonathan was very sneaky and quiet. He didn’t want the king to see him. Okay, now let’s sneak on our tiptoes like Jonathan did.

(Lead the kids to tiptoe in a circle around the small group area. Then have everyone sit down.)

“Jonathan watched King Saul.

LEADER as SAUL: *(Put crown on. Speak in booming voice)* “Where is David? *(Pause.)* He should be here at my party! Am I not the king? *(Pause.)* Who wouldn’t want to come to a party the king has thrown?”

LEADER: *(Take off crown.)* “Jonathan knew right then that David was right about the king. King Saul was angry. He didn’t like David. That meant that David was in trouble.

“Jonathan had to warn David. Jonathan told David that he would have to go away. This made the two friends so sad. Can you show me your sad faces? *(Pause.)* They hugged. Go ahead and hug each other. *(Pause.)* And they promised that no matter what

happened, they would ALWAYS be friends. They didn't have to be together to still be friends.

"I love histories like this one in the Bible. David and Jonathan were best friends. And even though they were sad to be apart, they promised to stay friends forever. God gives us good friends too—friends that can encourage us when we're sad and friends to laugh with us we're happy. Tell me, **who gives you good friends?**"

CHILDREN and LEADER: *[Bottom Line]* **"God gives me good friends."**

LEADER: "Great listening, everyone! *[Bottom Line]* **God gives me good friends.** What an awesome gift.

Now let's put our hands together, close our eyes, and talk to God.

"God, you are a BIG and AWESOME God. When we're sad, we know that You've given us good friends to help us feel better. Thank You for giving us good friends, God. We love You. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

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Groups (9:25, 10:40, 11:55)

The following activities help make the Bottom Line stick. Encourage children to play on their own if they do not wish to take part in an activity.

9:00 & 11:30

Wrap You in a Hug

What You Need: Painter's tape circle on the floor

What You Do:

During the Activity: Line everyone up on the tape circle. Two leaders should stand on either side of the tape and put their hands together above their heads to make a bridge (like in "London Bridge"). As kids walk under the bridge, say the Bottom Line repeatedly until you close the bridge around a friend for a quick hug. Repeat as many times as desired, allowing time for each child to get hugged.

After the Activity: Say the Bottom Line together.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Look here, friends! What shape does the tape make? (Pause.) A circle! That is right! Come stand on this circle with me."

During the Activity: "We are going to say the Bottom Line together as you guys walk around the circle. You'll have to cross under this bridge on your way too. Are you ready? (Pause.) Let's go! **[Bottom Line] God gives me good friends. God gives me good friends.** (Close the bridge around one of the friends and give a little hug.) I'm your friend. You're my friend." (Open the bridge. Repeat as many times as desired.)

After the Activity: "That was so much fun! Have a seat on the circle. Today we learned that David and Jonathan could be friends when they were together or apart. Good friends are always there for each other! **Who gives you good friends? [Bottom Line] God gives me good friends.**"

10:15**You've Got a Friend**

"You've Got a Friend" is an activity that reintroduces the Bible Truth while children have their hand traced and add a message.

What You Need: "Hand" and precut "Love Note" Activity Pages, glue sticks, marker, and wet wipes, completed sample craft

What You Do:

During the Activity: Talk about the Bible Truth as you trace each child's hand on their paper. Write the children's names on their papers. Give each child a heart and let them glue it to the center of the hand on the paper.

After the Activity: Say the Bottom Line together.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "In our Bible Truth we heard about a friendship—David and Jonathan's friendship!"

During the Activity: "We learned that David and Jonathan had to say goodbye because Jonathan's dad, the king, was mean and didn't like David. They were sad but they knew they would be friends forever, whether near or far apart. God made David and Jonathan and God made me and you too! God gave us hands to help our friends. Show me your hands. Wow how can you use your hands to help? *(Pause.)* That's great! Now put your hand on your paper. I'm going to use my marker to trace around your hand. *(Trace child's hand and write name.)* Look! Here is *(say child's name)*'s hand! *(Keep moving around to trace hands.)* Everyone hold up your paper. *(Pause.)* Look at all our friends' hands! Now, we have one more thing to do. We need to add this heart to the palm of your hand on your paper. *(Show where the palm is.)* Great job, friends! That little heart that you just glued on says, **[Bottom Line] 'God gives me good friends.'** Do you think a friend would like a high five or for you to share a toy? *(Pause.)* Yes! Those are two things you could do to be a good friend!"

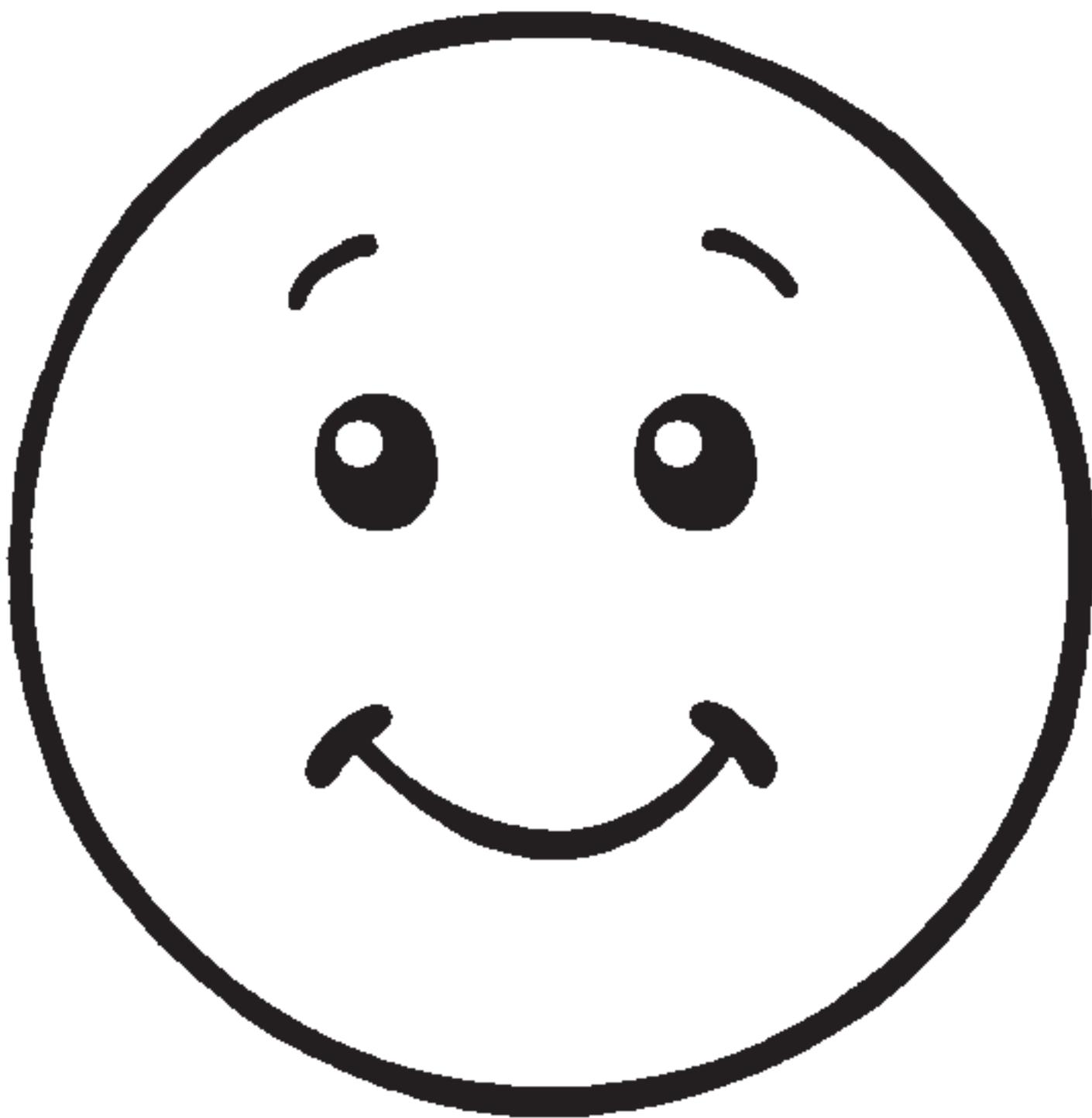
After the Activity: "David and Jonathan were sad to say goodbye, but they knew they would be good friends no matter where they were. **Who gives you good friends? [Bottom Line] God gives me good friends.**"

Playground/Centers (9:40, 10:55, 12:10)

If the weather allows, use this time to travel outside for 10 minutes of playtime. Place your "We are on the Playground" sign on the door as you leave. This will allow parents who are late to find you.

Snack (9:52, 11:07, 12:22)

Get Ready to Dismiss (10:00, 11:15, 12:30)



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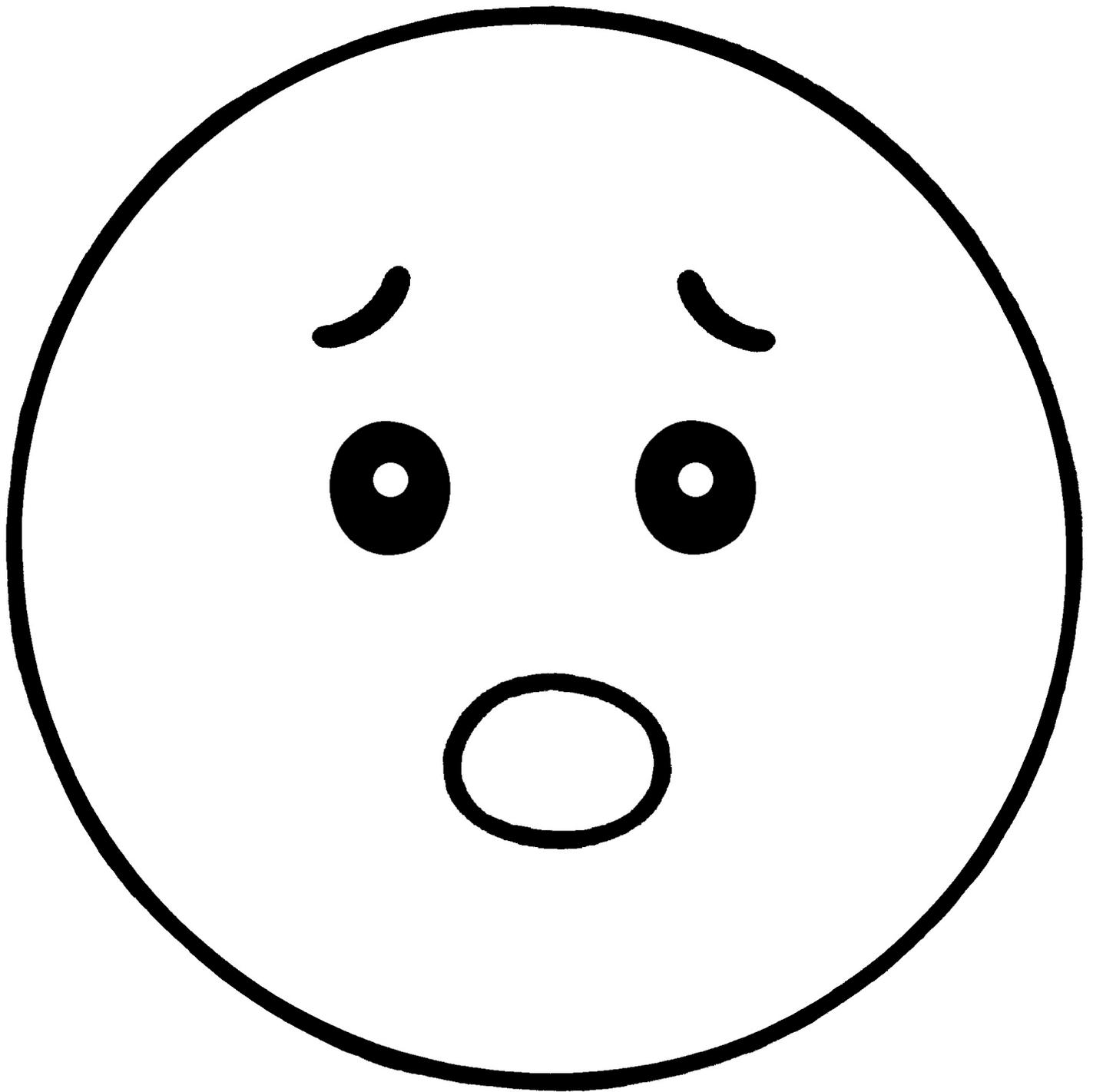
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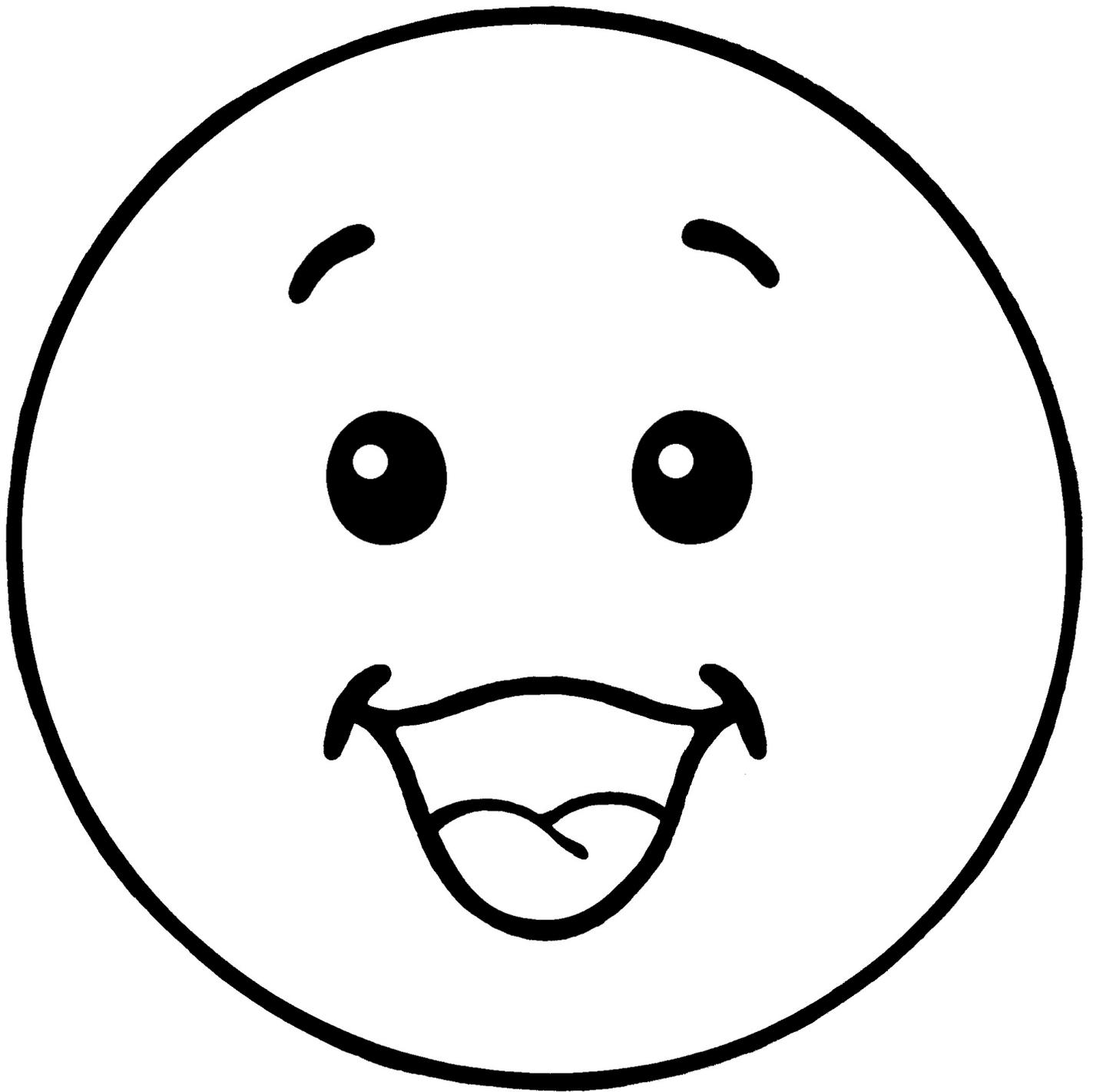
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Hand • You've Got a Friend •

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