

Move to the Groove of Friendship

Communication and Friendship

Music, Drama, and Dance

Sydney and Penny show off their friendship through movement and dance in *Sanctuary Song*, both as young elephants playing and as old friends reuniting. With each of those two scenes, we see a clear, short story telling of the bond between them. With your class, create your own stories of friendship through dance and movement.



Divide your class into groups of three to five.



Play them a short piece of instrumental music.



Now ask students to think of a scene depicting animals and friendship that is inspired by the music. They will create this scene through silent movement to the music. Remind students to try to tell a story with a clear beginning, middle, and end.



Play the music twice more through so groups can plan and discuss their scene.



Play the song through two or three more times for groups to rehearse to the music.



Present scenes to the class and ask audience members to describe the story that was just portrayed on stage.



Did you Know:

Female elephants spend their entire lives together with their female relatives, living in herds and caring for calves. In these groups, they form lifelong friendships!