

***My New Friend Is So Fun!* – Reading Guide**

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Themes: friendship, new/old friends

Lesson/Notes: Gerald and Snake are upset about their best friends having new friends but come to realize they are not being replaced. *If your friend spends time with another friend, it doesn't mean (s)he is not your friend anymore. It's okay to have more than one friend.*

Discussion Questions

- *Why were Gerald and Snake worried about Piggie and Brian spending time together? (thought they would lose their best friends)*
- *Is it okay to have more than one friend? (yes)*
- *What do you think Gerald and/or Snake were thinking at the end of the story? Did they seem worried still?*

Activity: Mini Friends

Supplies: PlayDoh

- Use one container of PlayDoh to make as many animal friends as possible. Encourage child to make a variety of animals.
- Remind child that it is okay for his/her friends to have other friends. Invite child to act out a story with playdoh friends.