

FRIENDSHIP CHALLENGE WHIRLYBIRDS

Materials:

Construction paper or printer paper

Scissors

Pencil, pen, or marker

Colored pencils, crayons, or markers for drawing and coloring (optional)

Glue or tape (optional)

With just pencil and paper and a little bit of folding practice, whirlybirds are a fun way to learn material and play with a friend.

Refer to the step-by-step instructions on page two to cut, fold, and label your whirlybird.

Challenge your friends with these different activities:

- Draw a picture for a friend
- Cheer someone with a smile or hug
- Give a word of encouragement to one in need
- Pray for someone in need
- Be a door greeter at services this week
- Help clean a mess you didn't make
- Let someone else go first today
- Include a new friend to play

To play

Pinch the points of the whirlybird together with your fingers so it resembles a flower (thumbs and index fingers are easiest). Choose the name of a friend or family member present and spell out the name, moving the whirlybird first in one direction and then another with each letter ("W-I-L-L-I-A-M").

Pause with the whirlybird open on the final letter (only four of the numbers will be visible). Have the friend choose a number ("3!"). This time count up to the number, moving the whirlybird in one direction then another as you count ("1-2-3").

Pause with the whirlybird open again, and have the friend choose a number ("2!"). Open up the flap for the number chosen and read the description ("CHEER SOMEONE WITH A SMILE OR HUG"). Play as often as you wish until you uncover all the flaps!



To create a whirlybird, here are the step-by-step instructions:



Using a piece of construction paper, fold the bottom corner up to meet the long side, making a right triangle. Cut off the excess rectangle at the top so that you have a perfect square.



Open the square and fold the other bottom corner up to make another right triangle.



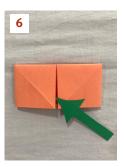
Open the square again and fold each of the four corners into the middle of the square, where the fold lines meet.



Flip the paper over without unfolding and fold each of the four corners into the middle of the square again.



Rotate the paper so that a long edge is on the bottom (rather than a point) and fold up to make a rectangle. Crease along the bottom edge, then unfold. Rotate 90 degrees clockwise so that the other long edge is on the bottom and fold that up to make a rectangle. Crease along the bottom edge.



Find the pockets created from your previous folds and open them out while pushing the points together to create the 3-dimensional shape.



The finished design should somewhat resemble a flower when all the points are pushed together.

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Now that you have created your whirlybird, it's time to decorate it with the "Friendship Challenges" theme.



On each of the outside flaps, write:

- TWO ARE
- BETTER
- THAN
- ONE (Ecc. 4:9)



Next, fold open your whirlybird so that the eight sections are visible. Write the numbers 1 through 8 sequentially on each section.



Keeping the whirlybird flat, open each flap one at a time and record the information from the breakdown guide below.

- 1. Draw a picture for a friend
- 2. Cheer someone with a smile or hug
- 3. Give a word of encouragement to one in need
- 4. Pray for someone in need
- 5. Be a door greeter at services this week
- 6. Help clean a mess you didn't make
- 7. Let someone else go first today
- 8. Include a new friend to play



You can either draw and color images to match each section, or print and paste the images from page 4 on the inside tabs.

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2. Cheer up



3. Encourage



4. Pray



5. Door greeter



6. Clean up



7. "You go first."



8. Inclusivity

