

## ASSEMBLY NOTES

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### **Whole School Assembly Notes**

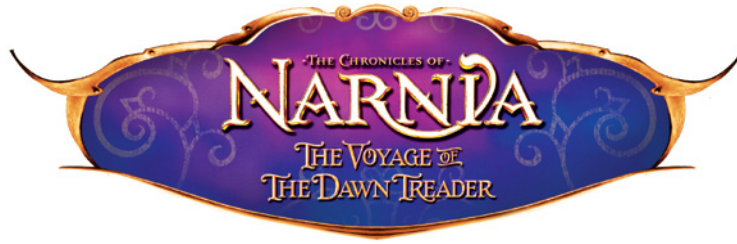
These assembly notes are for use in a whole school assembly scenario, to accompany the clips available on the Film Education *Voyage of the Dawn Treader* DVD. The theme for the assembly is 'Families and Relationships'.

You will need to have the Film Education DVD clips ready to show on an interactive whiteboard, with sound.

These notes and images have also been designed so that you can show them on a whiteboard or data projector.

More teaching resources for the film can be downloaded at:

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### Introduction

Today's assembly is all about families and relationships. I'll be asking you to think about your own families, and to share your ideas on this. We'll be looking at clips from a special film about a very famous family to give us inspiration.

### 1. FAMILY

F is for friendship

They say that you can 'choose your friends, but you can't choose your family'. Is this true? Can you be friends with your sister or brother, your step-mum or your granddad?

Is a family friend different to a school friend?

Some friends are so close, they feel like family.

### Watch the clip 'Magic Pond'.

Clip: Magic Pond (approximately 45 seconds long)

Context: Edmund finds the Magic Pond and talks to Lucy about the riches that he wishes he could take back home. Caspian reminds him that it's impossible to take anything out of Narnia.

What does Edmund say to his sister Lucy?

Is he being a good friend to her?

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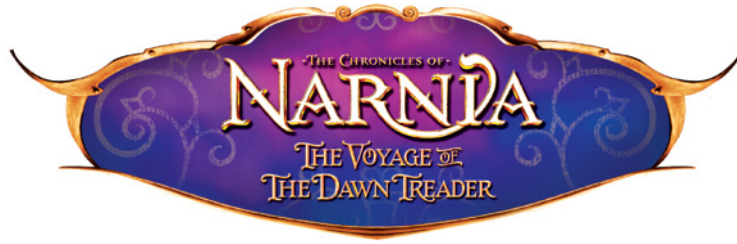
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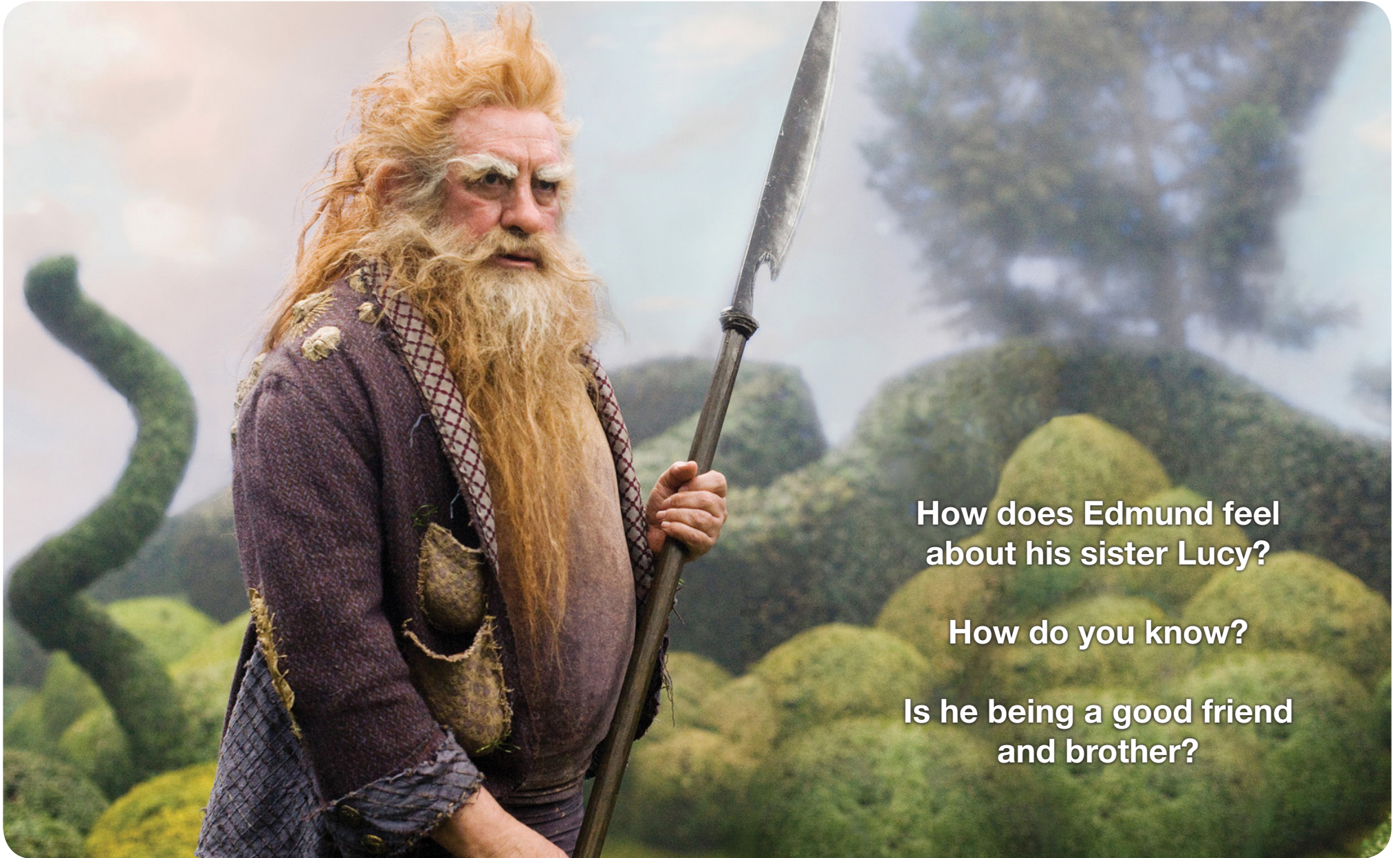
Clip: Dufflepuds (approximately 57 seconds long)

Context: Our heroes encounter the Dufflepuds, dwarf-like creatures who have made themselves temporarily invisible. Edmund is looking for his sister.

How does Edmund feel about his sister Lucy?

How do you know?

Is he being a good friend and brother?

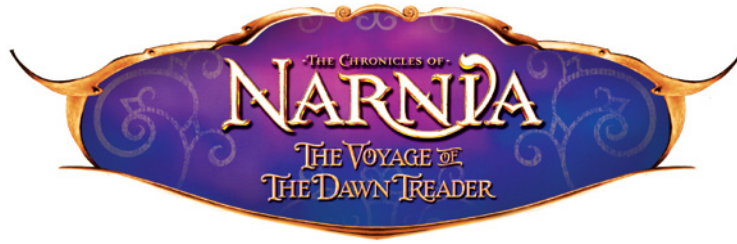


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### 2. FAMILY

A is for Always There

One definition of a good friend, or brother, or sister is someone who is always there for someone – no matter what.

Why is it important to always be there for a friend or family member?  
Can somebody still 'be there' if they have moved away?

#### Watch 'Banquet'.

Clip: Banquet (approximately 1 minute 8 seconds)

#### **DARK AND LIGHT**

Context:

Ramandu, a fallen star, tells Caspian, Lucy and Edmund where they can find the 7th sword that they need to restore harmony in Narnia. She also forewarns them of the dangers of 'Dark Island'.

Ramandu is a human form of a star who gives King Caspian and his friends advice on how to overcome the evil in Narnia.

At the end of the clip, Caspian says that he hopes that they will meet again. Ramandu smiles and disappears back up to the sky.

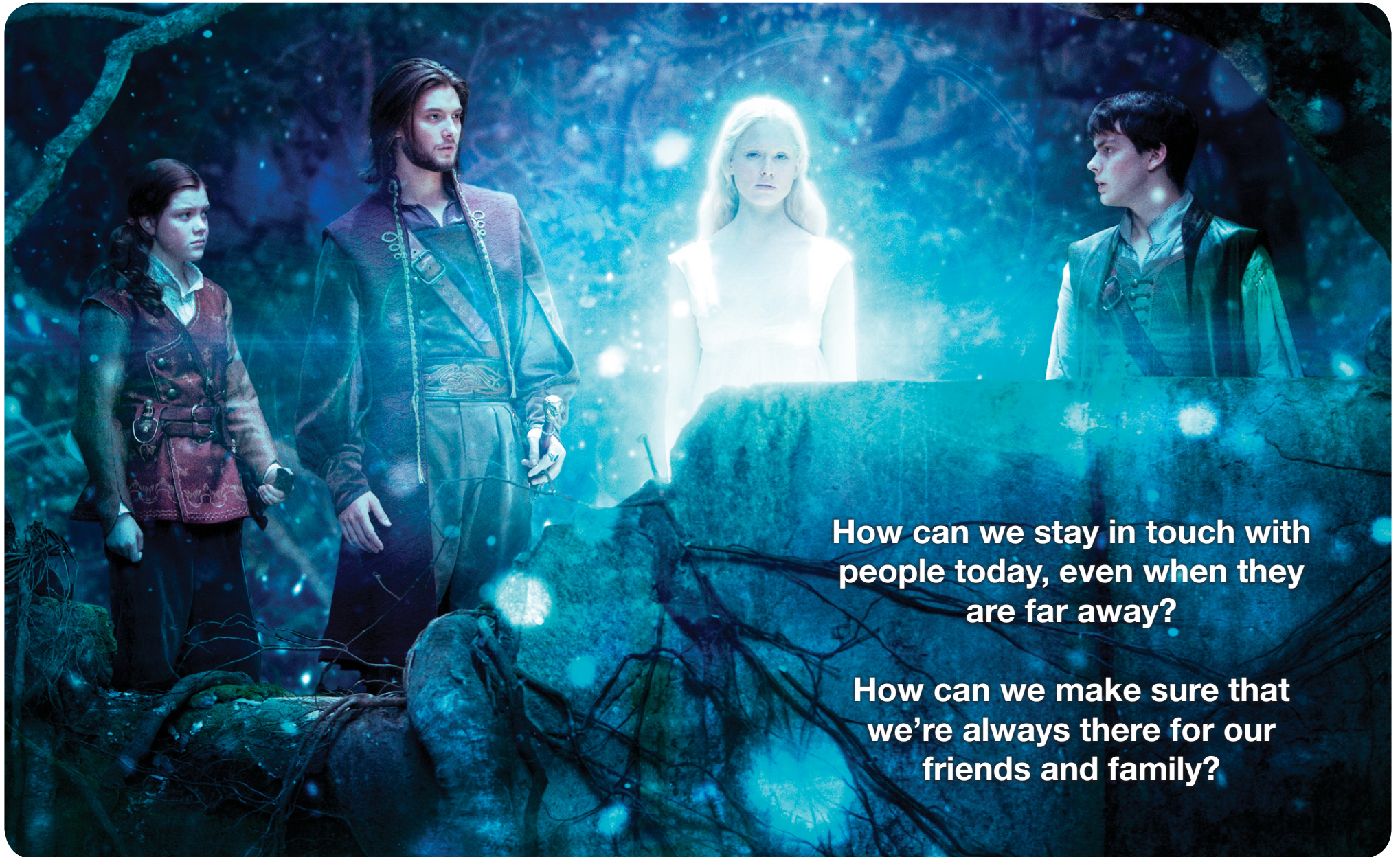
Is she 'always there'?

Does anybody have any friends or family members who are 'always there' even if they can't be there in person?

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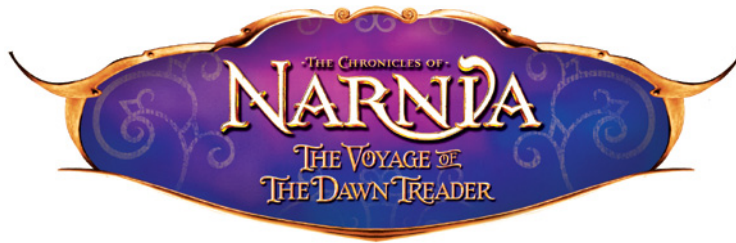




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### 3. FAMILY

M IS FOR 'Making Friends'

It's important to have friends outside of your family – people with whom you can share new experiences, or who can show you a different way of living.

#### Watch 'Stealing Rations'

Clip: Stealing Rations (approximately 1 minute 7 seconds long)

Context: Reepicheep catches cousin Eustace stealing rations from the ship's supplies. He teaches him a lesson.

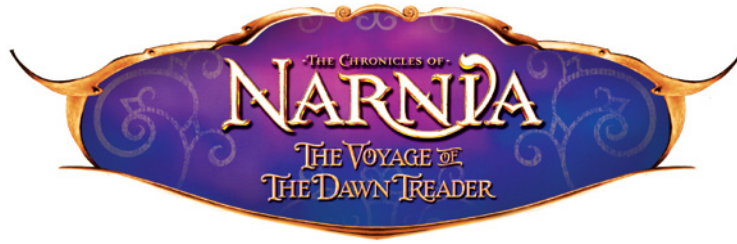
How does Reepicheep teach Eustace a lesson?

Do you think they could end up as friends?

If you found someone trying to steal something from school, what would you do?

How could you be their friend?





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### 4. FAMILY

I IS FOR 'I am...'

In *The Chronicles of Narnia*, Lucy is the youngest child in the Pevensie family. She is the one who discovers Narnia through the wardrobe, and she's back there in *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader* – finding new wonders and magic.

What else is Lucy?

She is a sister, a daughter, a friend and a loyal subject of Aslan.

What are you?

Take 1 minute to talk sensibly to the person next to you – take it in turns to finish the sentence that starts 'I am...'

Families can be structured in different ways. Each family is as unique as the Pevensies. No family is the same – and this is what makes families special.

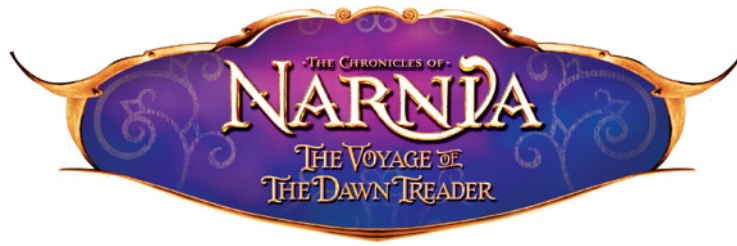




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### 5. FAMILY

L IS FOR 'Loyalty'

What does loyalty mean?

In *The Voyage of the Dawn Treader*, the youngest Pevensie children, Lucy and Edmund remain true and loyal to Aslan even though they haven't seen him for years.

Why is loyalty important?

What is it about Aslan that inspires loyalty?

Why is it important to be loyal to your family?

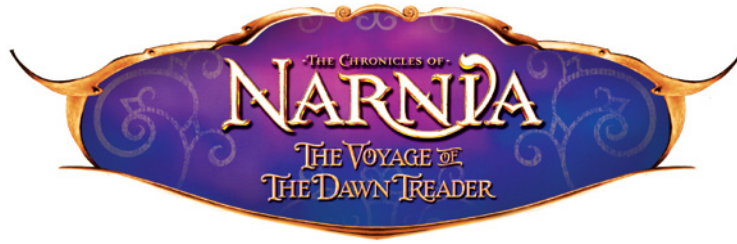


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### 6. FAMILY

Y IS FOR 'You are...'

Aslan inspires people by bringing out the best in them. He picks up on what they do well, and he doesn't put them down.

He believes that everybody is important in their own way.

Today, at playtime, or after school, I want you to tell a friend or a member of your family why they are important to you. Go up to someone and say to them 'You are important because...'. If someone gives you a compliment like this, say 'thank you'!

If you are going to be a good brother, sister, son, daughter, step-daughter, step-son, granddaughter, grandson, niece, nephew, cousin or friend – it's important to value those closest to you and to tell them regularly that they are important to you. It's also important to accept compliments gracefully!

Today, and for the rest of the week, I want you to focus on bringing out the best in somebody, just like Aslan.

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best out in people.

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