

emerald city
theatre
presents

IF YOU GIVE A CAT A CUPCAKE

Based on the book by Laura Numeroff
Adapted and Directed by Ernie Nolan



2011-2012 Season
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Parent Guide

Welcome, Grownups!



GATEWAY THEME: BEING A GOOD FRIEND

A gateway theme is a topic of conversation for you and your early learner explored before, during, and after the show.

For Cat and Girl, **being a good friend** is:

- Showing that you care
- Saying please and thank you
- Forgiving each other
- Helping out whenever you can
- Being kind

We hope you and your early learners will use these show-related activities to get inspired about **being a good friend**.

CHAIR CHAT

1. What does being a good friend mean?
2. Have you ever helped out a friend that needed you?
3. Is it hard to forgive a friend if they've made you upset? Is it important to forgive them?
4. If you could go anywhere and make any discovery with a friend – where would you go? Who would you go with? What would you do?
5. Do you have any family members that are your friends? What makes them good friends?



6. Answer this: If you gave a cat a cupcake, _____.

SILLY STORYTELLERS

See if you and your children can create a silly story together using the cause and effect model of the *If You Give a...* series.



What do you think would happen if you give one of your friends something delicious to eat? What sorts of adventures could you both go on together?

Here's a few beginnings if you need a couple of ideas to get you started:

If you give a zebra a donut...

If you give a Mom a pickle...

If you give a pirate a meatball...

BUILD IT UP, BREAK IT DOWN

Throughout the play, Girl writes her discoveries in her journal and performs a motion corresponding to each of those discoveries from the actual book!

See if you can remember which motions matched which lines after the show! If you are stuck, make a new gesture up! You can find all the words listed on our website at www.EmeraldCityTheatre.com/cat

**If you give a cat a cupcake (gesture),
he'll ask for some sprinkles (gesture) to go with it.**

**When you give him the sprinkles (gesture),
he might spill some on the floor.**

**Cleaning up will make him hot,
so you'll give him a bathing suit (gesture)
and take him to the beach (gesture).**

**He'll want to go in the water (gesture)
and build a sand castle, too (gesture).**

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BEING A GOOD FRIEND TO A PET

In the play, Girl learns how to be a good friend to Cat. Being a good friend to an animal is something children love learning how to do. Whether you have pets at home, are planning to get one, or know other households that have them, here are some ways that children can help to take care of an extra family member.

Preschoolers Can:

- Help to set out a water dish or measure food
- Identify what pets should and should not eat
- Help to groom pets
- Go along on walks and vet visits
- Provide treats for good behavior



School-aged Children Can:

- Feed pets (food and water) with friendly reminders
- Exercise pets in a safe area
- Play together with pets and their toys

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Gateway Theme:
Giving

Join Junie B. Jones as she learns
to become Junie B. Giver!

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