

# Healthy Relationships Activity Booklet

### Introduction

Children are constantly learning about relationships by watching adults around them, noticing relationships in media, and through building their own relationships with family, friends, school staff and others. As adults, we can support youth in developing healthy relationships by modeling healthy behaviors in our own relationships. We can also have conversations with youth about healthy characteristics and expectations to have in relationships. When youth learn about healthy relationships from an early age, they are more likely to form healthy relationships throughout their lives, including friendships and later dating and romantic relationships. This activity packet aims to support youth in identifying healthy relationship behaviors.

#### Memory Matching Game recommended ages: 4-7

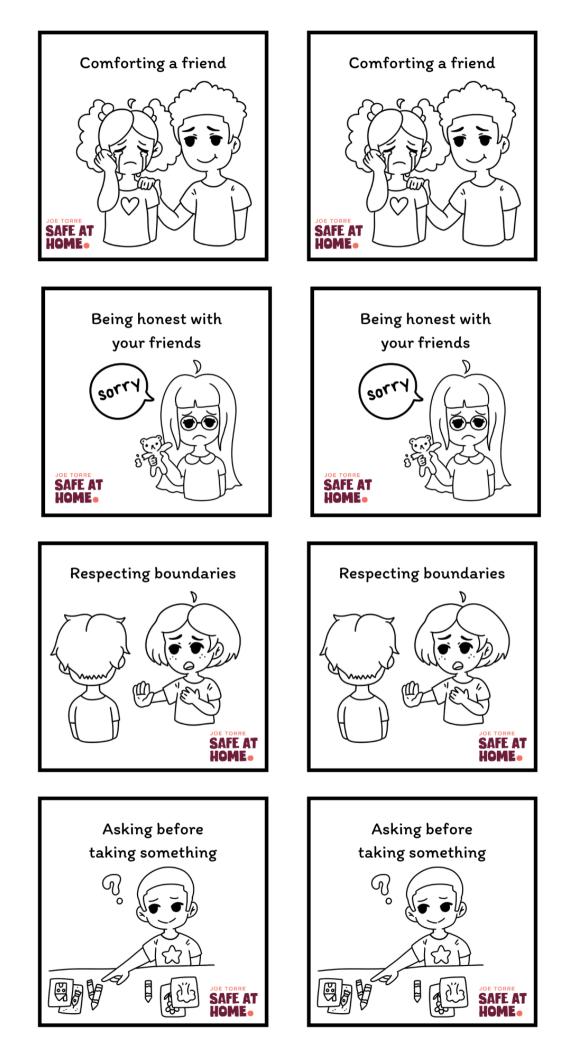
- Print the game template and have children color the pictures. Cut out each card (parents can support cutting for younger children).
- Mix up the cards and turn them photo side down.
- Each player takes a turn matching cards with pictures and descriptions of healthy behaviors on them.

#### Green Flag Bingo recommended ages: 11-13

• Use the BINGO cards provided to point out examples of healthy behaviors in movies, tv shows and other media.

### Healthy Relationship Challenge recommended ages: 12+

• A list of healthy behavior "challenges" that youth and families can practice in their day to day relationships





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# What is a green flag?



A red flag in dating refers to an early sign of an unhealthy relationship characteristic. A green flag is a behavior or personal quality that indicates the person will likely approach relationships in healthy, mature, and positive ways in the future. When you look for a partner (or a friend!), you could find yourself settling if you only avoid red flags. In relationships, we need to look for green flags, rather than simply going ahead because of the absence of red flags.

# Directions:

The next pages have bingo cards with different examples of green flags. Young people can use a bingo card with the media of their choice, like a movie, tv episode, or a song. As the players notice a green flag' in the media that they have chosen, they can mark the space. Whoever fills a row or column first, gets the BINGO!

# Media Suggestions:

#### Movies:

- Puss in Boots: The Last Wish
- Turning Red
- The Addams Family 1 & 2
- Encanto
- Zootopia

#### TV-Shows:

- The Proud Family
- Miraculous Tales of Ladybug & Cat Noir
- Ms Marvel
- Stargirl

Green Flag Bingo

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A character is kind, even after someone is mean to them	A character shares something that's been bothering them	A character asks for advice from someone else	A character stands up for someone else if they're getting treated unfairly
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## HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS CHALLENGE

Schedule an activity that you know a loved one would enjoy and go do it together



Write a letter to a loved one and tell them what you value about the relationship.

Ask a loved one if you can give them a hug.



Reach out to a friend or loved one and schedule a check in call to ask how they are doing

Spend quality time with a loved one and practice active listening without distractions (turn off your phone)

Make a homemade gift or baked good for someone that you care about

Do a random act of kindness for a friend or family member (ie, help them clean their yard)





