

# The Wurmlers

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## Study Guide-DVD 4 Being and Having Friends

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### Episode 1

## Two Bests Are Better Than One

When Raimundo and Gibby start to compete to be Bertrum's best friend, he shows them a way they can all be best friends.

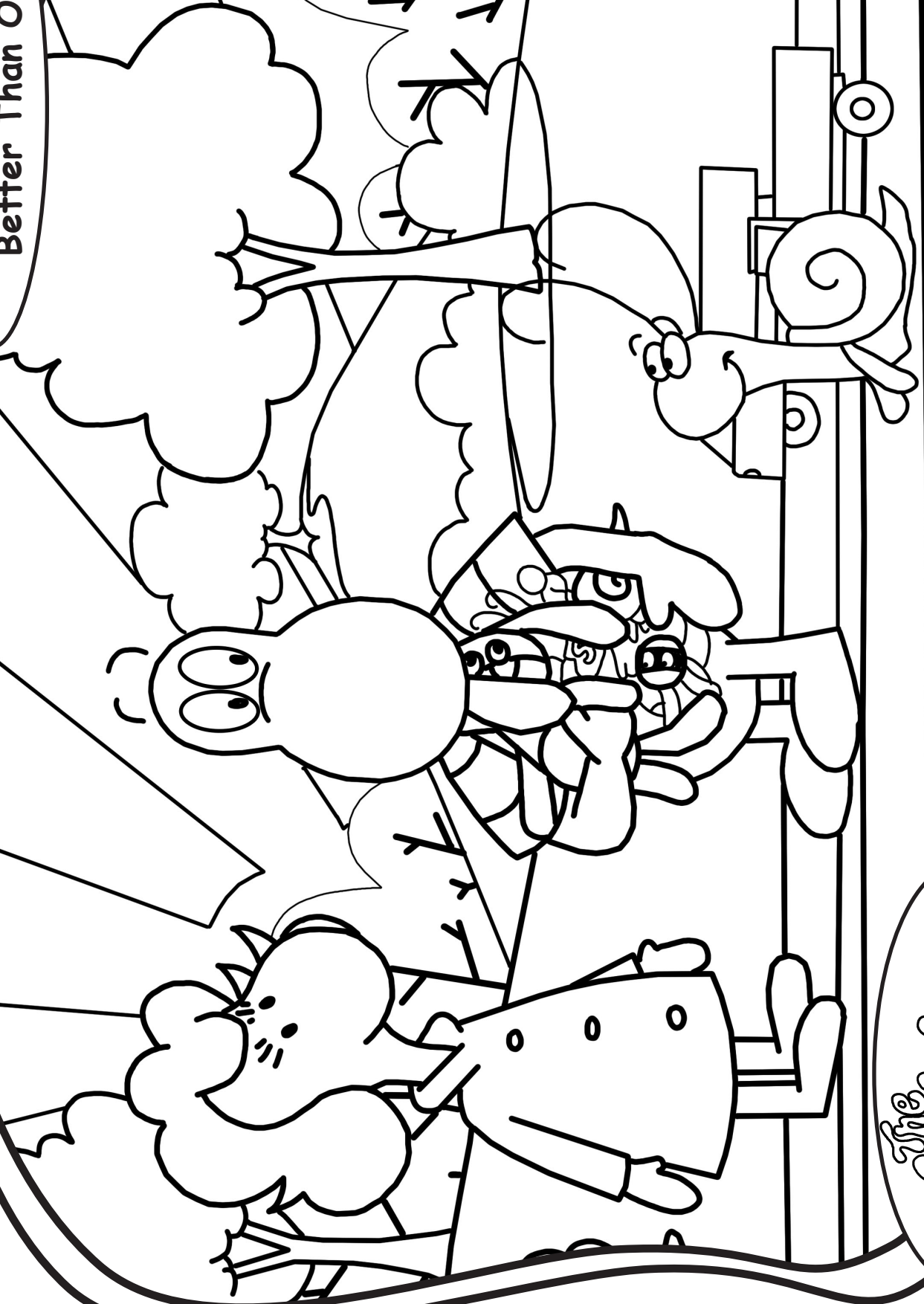
### Questions and Comments

1. What is a friend? *A friend is someone you know, like and trust. What is a best friend? A friend that you feel closest to and want to do things with most often.*
2. At the beginning of the story, Bertrum and Raimundo were having a race. Who won the race? *They both did. It was a tie. What did Raimundo say about both of them being the best? "Two bests are better than one."*
3. What did Gibby overhear Bertrum say to Raimundo? *She heard Bertrum tell Raimundo that he was his best friend. When Gibby heard that, what did she do? She walked away. How do you think she felt? What gift did Gibby give to Bertrum? Her second favorite toy, Mrs. Bunny. Why did she give the toy to Bertrum? She wanted to make Bertrum be her best friend.*
4. Gibby told Bertrum that he was her \_\_\_\_\_ best friend. (*first*) What did Bertrum tell Gibby? *That she was his first best friend too. How do you think Raimundo felt when he heard Bertrum say this?*
5. What gift did Raimundo give to Bertrum? *Raimundo gave Bertrum his collection of Super Snail Action Figures. Why do you think he did this?*
6. Does giving someone gifts make that person become your friend? Why or why not?
7. When Gibby and Raimundo were both trying to be Bertrum's best friend, what word best describes how they felt? *Jealousy. What does it mean to feel jealous? To feel afraid that someone is going to take your place. Gibby and Raimundo both felt afraid that Bertrum was going to choose the other one to be his best friend.*
8. What promise did Bertrum make to both Raimundo and Gibby? *He promised Raimundo that he would attend his race and he promised Gibby that he would attend her tea party. What time was he supposed to go to each of these? Twelve o'clock. Could Bertrum be in two places at the same time? No. How did Bertrum decide to solve the problem of having to be in two places at the same time? By riding his bicycle, Bertrum thought he would be able to quickly ride back and forth between each event. Why did Bertrum try so hard to be in both places? He wanted to be best friends with both Raimundo and Gibby and he didn't want to disappoint either of them.*
9. How well did Bertrum's plan work? *It didn't. What happened? His bicycle broke.*
10. When Raimundo and Gibby realized that Bertrum was trying to be at both places, How did they react? *They both got upset and told Bertrum that he didn't have to be their best friend. How do you think this made Bertrum feel?*

### Activities

1. Discuss what it means to be a friend. Help students brainstorm ways someone shows friendship to another person (By sharing, taking turns, listening, helping, playing with you, etc.).
2. Discuss why it's okay to have more than one best friend. Remind students that Bertrum had more than one best friend and that each best friend was special in his/her own way. (Raimundo was good at sailing sailboats; Gibby was good at giving tea parties). Ask students to think about their best friends and the ways in which they are special. Let students draw pictures or make a "Best Friends" booklet showing each of his/her best friends and showing something that makes that friend special.
3. Make friendship bracelets or necklaces. Ahead of time, dye tubular pastas various colors, using rubbing alcohol and food coloring. Provide elastic thread and plastic needles for students to string pasta, making friendship bracelets to give to best friends. Extra bracelets should be made to give to those who may not receive a bracelet from another student.
4. Make blank "Best Friend Awards" that provide a space for a person's name to be written. Give each student 2 or 3 copies. Help students put the name of a best friend on each award, Let students color, decorate and give awards to their best friends. The teacher might make awards for those students who may not receive awards from other students.

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