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Laws of Life Essay:

The only way to have a friend is to be a friend

Friends are so amazing. They are kind, sweet, and loving people. Some friends are like sisters or brothers and feel like a part of your family. They comfort you when you're sad and lonely and encourage you when you are unhappy. You can share your deepest secrets with them and share funny jokes too. It's hard to say goodbye to a good friend because they are not easily replaced. Over the years, I have learnt that the only way to have a friend, is to be a friend.

Not long ago, I watched a movie called **Wonder**. It was based on a true story and was about a boy who had a disease from birth that caused his face to look disfigured. Even though he was different, he was very intelligent and had a great sense of humor. At first, nobody wanted to be his friend. In fact, there was a kid who was his friend, who betrayed him, but later, because of his kindness he became friends with him again. In the end, he became very popular and well-liked by everyone in the school as the kids saw his heart and not his disease.

You can be friendly in many different ways. For example, if a new kid comes to your school, you can try to make them feel welcomed, and comfortable by talking nicely to them. It will also be great to introduce them to your friends. This will make them feel special. Another thing you could do is share your lunch or show them around the school. I had an opportunity to do this with a person once. Today, she is one of my best friends.

Making a friend is not difficult but keeping a friend can sometimes be challenging. In order to be a true friend, you must be understanding, kind and loyal. Sometimes you may disagree about stuff, but it is healthy to forgive quickly. 1 Corinthians 16:14 says, "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. I think one of the greatest gifts to a friendship is love.

While being a friend isn't always easy, it can be rewarding. Sometimes the journey may be tough, but you have to keep working on it. My Mom says her friendships got better with time. I guess, I'll have to wait to see if time does the same for me. Until then, I will continue to enjoy the friends I have, and work towards being the best friend I could be.