

# Toward a Better World: Making Memories and Friends

## Learning Value:

This activity promotes development and learning by encouraging children to develop a sense of identity and belonging.

## Materials Needed:

- ▶ [Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge](#) by Mem Fox and Julie Vivas.

## Participants:

This activity is intended for adult/child interaction.

## Directions:

**Step 1:** Read the story *Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge* by Mem Fox and Julie Vivas, which is available at Storyline Online, read by actor Bradley Whitford.

**Step 2:** Talk about the story together. Have you ever known anyone like Miss Nancy Alison Delacourt Cooper? If you were Wilfrid, what things in your home would you show Miss Nancy—things that have meaning and evoke memory? Is it possible to be good friends with people who are much older or much younger than you?

**Step 3:** Think about the people in your circle who could use a friend. Perhaps it's a family member or a neighbor. What could you do to connect? Perhaps you can write a letter or reach out through digital technology. Maybe you could pick flowers from your yard or bake cookies. Make a goal to initiate or strengthen a friendship.

**Extensions:** This book offers many opportunities for pretend play. Try making a memory game with family photos, learning about organ music or cricket, making puppets, or collecting something like seashells.

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