

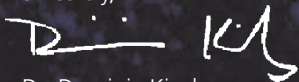
Dear Program Leader,

Summer is a great time to meet new people and share special experiences. But sometimes first impressions can be misleading. That's the premise behind *Flipped**, a delightful new coming-of-age film directed by Rob Reiner opening in theaters this August. This free summer activity kit from Warner Bros. Pictures and the curriculum specialists at Young Minds Inspired (YMI) offers friendship-building activities drawn from the themes and characters of this charming film.

Based on the young adult novel of the same name by Wendelin Van Draanen, *Flipped* tells the story of Juli and Bryce, two kids who grow up across the street from one another, but in their heads, they are worlds apart. Theirs is an engaging story about first love, identity, communication, standing up for a cause, understanding, and acceptance of others—themes with which kids and tweens will readily identify.

Please share this guide with other program leaders and teachers. Although the materials are copyrighted, you may make as many copies as you need for use in your setting. Please return the enclosed reply card to let us know your opinion of the program. We depend on your feedback to continue providing free educational programs that make a real difference in children's lives.

Sincerely,



Dr. Dominic Kinsley
Editor in Chief
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FLIPPED

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- To engage children in a variety of friendship-building activities based on the upcoming summer film *Flipped*.
- To enhance important social and emotional developmental skills, including self-esteem, perspective-taking, and communication.
- To develop and nurture a positive group dynamic within a youth summer program setting.

TARGET AUDIENCE

This program is designed for use with children ages 10-14 in summer camps, summer schools, Y's, Boys and Girls Clubs, and kids' museums.

PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- This leader's guide
- Three reproducible activity masters
- A colorful wall poster
- A reply card for your comments

HOW TO USE THIS PROGRAM

Review the program materials and schedule the activities to suit your timeframe. Display the poster in a prominent location and read the film synopsis aloud prior to beginning the activities. Distribute a copy of each activity master to each child and provide pencils and pens for Activities 1 and 2. Additional materials are noted.

SYNOPSIS: *FLIPPED*

Directed by Rob Reiner, *Flipped* is based on the novel by Wendelin Van Draanen. When Bryce's family moves in across the street from Juli's, Juli flips for Bryce from the moment the two second-graders meet, while Bryce can think of nothing but steering clear of what he sees as a bona fide weirdo. In fact, he spends the next six years trying to do just that. But as eighth grade approaches, the situation begins to, well...flip. Bryce thinks Juli is nothing short of the coolest girl he's ever known, with the way she stands up for what she believes in and how important family is to her. But after all those years, Juli's heart has flipped as well, and she has come full circle to avoid Bryce at all costs. In the end both come to understand the wisdom that you shouldn't judge a book by its cover—at least not until you have *both* flipped through it together.

ACTIVITY ONE GETTING TO KNOW YOU

Children should share their answers in Part A. For Part B, have them take turns reading their statements aloud to the entire group to determine which statement others think is not true.

ACTIVITY TWO TEAM TIME!

Have children work together in teams of four or five each (the more teams the better) to complete the challenges. Distribute poster paper, large newsprint or chart paper, and a marker to each team for Challenge #2.

- **Team Challenge #1.** Direct children to first take turns within their group by completing the word list based on the prompts shown. All team members should record their teammates' word choices. After filling in the words in the friendship story, each team will then share its version for everyone to enjoy.
- **Team Challenge #2.** Ask teams to choose two members to record their friendship activities. Have teams share their lists and compare ideas: How many activities were named in common and which were unique?

ACTIVITY THREE A FLIPPED FIELD DAY

Point out the '50s memorabilia shown on the activity sheet as you tell children about the special '50s-style *Flipped* Field Day that they will be enjoying. Review the list of games and the instructions for playing them. Depending on the ages of children participating, you might ask them to assist in helping you coordinate the event. In addition, you might want to offer special '50s-style snacks, such as an ice cream sundae bar, push pops, popcorn, etc. Encourage children to dress in '50s style for the field day, and at day's end, have them decorate their certificate and record their favorite events and "personal best" achievements.



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ACTIVITY ONE GETTING TO KNOW YOU

In the new movie *Flipped*, coming to theaters this August, the main characters, Bryce and Juli, discover that even though they have been neighbors and classmates for years, they don't really know each other.

PART A.

How well do you know your summer friends? Read the questions below and write your personal responses on the lines provided. Then switch papers randomly with others in the group. Now take turns reading the responses on the sheets each of you got. How many can correctly pair the answer with its author?

- My favorite song on my playlist right now:

- The trait I admire in my best friend:

- My favorite food:

- My least favorite food:

- My choice for best movie of all time:

- When I have time on my hands, you'll find me:

- I never leave home without:

- My favorite sport:

- The sport I like least:

- The TV show I always watch:

- The video game I could play over and over:

- My choice for best band of all time:

- One thing, event, or place I think is really important:



PART B.

Try this fun twist on getting to know each other. Write three statements about yourself. Make two of them true and one of them false. True statements might include your achievements or something interesting about yourself, while false statements can be almost anything others in your group might find believable. Who can guess which of the three statements is not true?

Statement #1: _____

Statement #2: _____

Statement #3: _____



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FLIP FOR FRIENDSHIP WHEN *FLIPPED* OPENS AT
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ACTIVITY TWO TEAM TIME!

In the new movie *Flipped*, coming to theaters this August, Bryce and Juli can't seem to communicate who they really are to one another. If only they'd had a chance to work together as a team, they might have learned to appreciate each other much sooner!

Follow your leader's instructions to complete the team activities below. You'll be surprised at how much you can learn about each other while working together toward a fun goal!

TEAM CHALLENGE #1

Use this storyteller format to create a wacky *Flipped* team explanation of the challenges of developing friendships.

First have each person on your team fill in a word for one of the prompts below until you have completed the word list. Make sure each team member gets at least one or two turns. Then match up the numbers to place the words into the correct spaces in the story at right.

Word Prompts

1. Action word
2. Any type of item used at school
3. A descriptive word
4. Word to describe a texture
5. Popular song title
6. The volume of a sound
7. Part of the human body
8. Your opinion of something
9. A descriptive word
10. Part of the human leg
11. Collective name for a group of animals
12. A form of expression
13. Word associated with astronomy

Word List

A FLIPPED EXPLANATION OF FRIENDSHIP

Sometimes my friends take things the wrong way. Take, for example, when you 1. _____ into someone's 2. _____. That might seem pretty 3. _____ to some people, but to me it's really 4. _____. Or when I play 5. _____ super 6. _____ because I think everyone thinks it's cool. Some of my friends say that I should have my 7. _____ examined for that, but others think it's pretty 8. _____. Probably the worst is when people tell 9. _____ stories that they say they heard me tell about someone. That is when I have to put my 10. _____ down and set the 11. _____ straight. Guess you can 12. _____ what you want about me. But no matter what, I'm gonna be a(n) 13. _____ of a friend!

TEAM CHALLENGE #2

At the end of the movie *Flipped*, Bryce and Juli finally manage to appreciate spending time together as friends. What do you like to do together with your friends? With your team, make a list of the top 50 things you think most friends enjoy doing together on the paper you received. Then follow your leader's directions to share your team lists.



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ACTIVITY THREE *A FLIPPED FIELD DAY*

In the new movie *Flipped*, coming to theaters this August, Bryce's and Juli's story takes you back to the 1950s, where you'll see how kids had fun before there were cell phones and video games. But why wait? You can make your own 1950s-style fun with a *Flipped* field day!

Choose teams to compete at the following activities. Then create a keepsake to remember the fun by filling out and decorating the certificate below.

- **Three-legged race:** Use some cloth to tie your right leg to the left leg of a partner, and see who can go the farthest without falling.
- **Hula hoop contest:** See who can keep their hoop from falling the longest amount of time.
- **Frisbee throw through hula hoop:** The longest distance wins!
- **Sponge race:** Each member of a relay team races to the pool and fills a car-wash-sized sponge with water, then races back and wrings it out into their team's bucket. The winner is the team with the most water in their bucket.
- **Balloon race:** Each team member takes turns running to a chair and sitting on a balloon until it pops. The winning team is the first one to pop all the balloons. For extra fun, fill the balloons with water!
- **Egg in a spoon race:** The fastest person with an unbroken egg wins!



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FLIPPED FIELD DAY AWARD

_____ successfully flipped back in time
(name)

to participate in the special *Flipped* Field Day event at _____
(location of event)

on _____
(date)

My Top Two Favorite Field Day Events:

My "Personal Best" Event: _____



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