# Getting Along with Others Card Game 

For 2 to 4 players

## Why This Game Is Important

There are many reasons why it is important to teach children conflict resolution skills. First and foremost, when children learn these skills, it reduces aggressive behavior in the home and in the classroom. When children learn to cooperate and respect each other's boundaries, you will almost immediately notice a more peaceful environment.

As children respond to the Getting Along with Others Cards, you should encourage them to use their problem-solving skills to generate compromises where all children having a conflict get some of what they want.

As in any therapeutic game, modeling is important. Adults should play the game with children at least for the introductory session, showing them the importance of working together and respecting differences.


## How to Play

- Cut out the cards along the dotted lines, and fold each card in half. You can use a piece of tape to hold each card together.
- There are blank cards to write "real-life" situations which may be meaningful to the children who are playing.
- Get some pennies or poker chips to keep track of the points.
- Places the card deck between the players.
- The youngest player goes first, reads the card, and answers it. He/she gets 1 point for answering the card.
- If another player has a different solution to the situation described on the card, she should raise her hand and explain the second solution. If the first player agrees that this is also a good solution, both players get a point.
- Play continues for 20 minutes and then the points are tallied.
- Together, players decide on the points in the rewards chart.
- Players should pool their points to get a prize that can be shared by all.



## Getting Along with Others Card Game <br> Rewards Chart

Fill in the points that are needed to win shared prizes. If possible, prizes are given immediately after the game is over.



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 with OthersMax plays the drums, and his sister Grace plays the violin. They are both supposed to practice 30 minutes every day after school, but they can't practice at the same time, and they can't agree on who should practice when. How can they come up with a fair practice schedule?

Benjamin and Abigail were paired up for a school science project. How can they share their responsibilities to work together to get the job done well?

Isaac and Ava are trying to build a fort in their backyard. There are many steps to getting it done. How should they decide who does what?

Aiden and Harper are playing in a doubles tennis match with other classmates. In what ways could they communicate that would help them work together to win the game? What strategies would not help them work well together?







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Pete and William are creating a comic strip. How should they come together to brainstorm, draw, and write the dialogues? What would happen if none of them wanted to draw the story?

Isaac and Scarlett’s teacher assigned the two of them to arrange a bookshelf together in their classroom. How should they get started?

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Eli, Sophie, and Maya are organizing a talent show at their school. How should they decide the tasks of hosting, managing backstage, and arranging the schedule? What must they do well together to ensure a great show?

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 with OthersLila, Jack, and Ethan want to make a movie together with a smartphone. How could they decide the roles of director, actor, and camera operator? Do you think it's wise to have each of them share the different roles or would it be better to have one role and stick to it?






