How to Use Children’s Activities Aligned with FGC Newcomer Card: You are Welcome Here!

FGC Newcomer Cards (www.fgcquaker.org/resources/newcomers-cards) provide useful, welcoming information for adult visitors and newcomers. The children’s activities in these packets are aligned with the You are Welcome Here card.

Situations that meetings may choose to use these activities are:

1. Children can be given these activities to use during meeting for worship, if a meeting does not have an active First Day School/Sunday School or classroom plans for child visitors.
2. First Day School/Sunday School teachers can provide them to children as First Day School/Sunday School activities.
3. They can be given to parents to share with their children at home and for follow-up conversations.

Supplies

Meetings will need to have crayons, pencils, and clipboards or other hard surfaces to write on, if the activity pages are used to engage children during meeting for worship. Markers are not recommended as they come in two pieces: marker and lid. It is easy to drop the lids of markers, which can cause disruptions.

The pages are suitable for downloading and printing on standard 8.5 x 11 paper.

Age Groups

This set of activities has one or more activities suitable for a child of any age between kindergarten and late elementary school (often grades 5 or 6).

Coloring pages are suitable for up to three different ages. Some images are better for older preschool children. Others are better for early elementary school-aged children and still others, for older elementary school-aged children. Some are complex enough for middle schoolers to enjoy.
There are three levels of word search puzzles, suitable for children in elementary school, ranging from searches with larger and fewer letters to searches with more and smaller letters and with words going in more directions. The criss-cross puzzles are intended for elementary school-age children with intermediate or higher level reading skills.

There are no grade level indicators for the puzzles. When given a choice, children usually will choose a puzzle at which they can succeed, which allows for various reading skill levels and different ages.

**Books to Share with Children to Extend These Activities**

Parents, First Day School teachers, or others may want to read picture books to children that complement these activities. To learn more about using books with children and other book suggestions, *Sparkling Still* is available at QuakerBooks (see [http://www.quakerbooks.org/book/sparkling-still](http://www.quakerbooks.org/book/sparkling-still)). Books are listed in age-appropriate order.

*You are Welcome Here*


**Gratitude for Artists’ Talent and Time**

Five generous Quaker artists donated their time and talent to draw the coloring pages for the children. We are grateful for their contribution. Without their generosity, there would have been no coloring activities for children. They are:

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- Christie Kelly Gelok, Middletown MM (Langhorne), Philadelphia YM
- Ruth Peterson, Abington MM, Philadelphia YM
- Joanna Vaughn, Friends Meeting of Austin (TX), South Central YM
- Marty Vidrine, Baton Rouge MM, South Central YM

Thank you so much, Sandy Branam, Christie Gelok, Ruth Peterson, Joanna Vaughn, and Marty Vidrine!
With hopes that the children and families in your meeting will find these activities fun and engaging for them,

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- Erika Mittag, Friends Meeting of Austin, South Central YM
You are Welcome Here! 😊

We grow in our faith.

Joanna Vaughn
We Greet One Another 😊

We shake hands when meeting for worship ends.
You are Welcome at Meeting for Worship 😊

We listen if someone is moved by the Spirit to speak.

Joanna Vaughn
You are Welcome Here! 😊

Friends have many faces.

Joanna Vaughn
You are Welcome Here! 😊

Children are always welcome.

Joanna Vaughn
You are Welcome Here! 😊

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Words to look for:
(Words are left to right or top to bottom.)

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Faith  Love  Support
God  Peace  Welcome
Know  Quiet  Worship
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Word Search LEVEL 3

Words to look for:
(Words are left to right, top to bottom, right to left, or diagonal.)

- Changed
- Listen
- Spirit
- Divine
- Love
- Support
- Faith
- Peace
- Understanding
- God
- Quiet
- Welcome
- Know
- Renew
- Worship
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Word Search  SOLUTIONS

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Criss-Cross Puzzle

3 A ___ is a place where Quakers go to worship together.
6 A strong belief or trust in God is called ___.
7 If I encourage or comfort someone, I give them ___.
8 A long narrow seat for more than one person is ___.
10 During meeting for worship, listening for God, I tried to be very ___.
11 Sometimes, in meeting for worship, people will be ___ about God.

1 In meeting for worship, I ___ for God’s message.
2 When I sit quietly and listen or pray to God, I ___.
4 ___ is without noise or confusion; it is calm and quiet.
5 If I have a strong, positive feeling toward someone, I ___ them.
9 “Hello” or shaking hands is a way of ___ a friend.
10 A member of the Religious Society of Friends may be called a ___.

Words to use
Bench
Faith
Greeting
Listen
Love
Meetinghouse
Quaker
Quiet
Support
Stillness
Worship
You are Welcome Here! 😊

**Criss-Cross Puzzle SOLUTIONS**

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   9  S P E A K I N G
   10  Q U I E T
   11  S P E A K I N G
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