



FUN WITH PEN PALS

Grab a pencil, crayon, or washable marker and join CJ Star and the Sunshine Squad as they learn to share the love of Jesus with their pen pals.

Did you know that writing helps us become better readers, boosts our confidence, and sparks our creativity? It does! And it can be great fun too.

SONSHINE SQUAD TIPS TO BECOMING A GREAT PEN PAL

- CJ Star says, “**Just Be You.** Write the way you speak. Let your personality, sense of humor, love, and kindness shine through.”
- Neely Joy says, “**Ask Questions** and have fun getting to know your pen pal a little more with each letter you write and receive.”
- Percy Puppy says, “**Keep It Going!** Writing to your pen pal is like a good game of Fetch the Ball. When you write and send a letter, it's like CJ Star throwing the ball for me to fetch -- and when your pen pal writes back, it's like me fetching the ball for CJ Star to throw again.



CHOOSING YOUR PEN PAL

It's fun to get a hand-written letter in the mail, and there are lots of people who would love to receive one from you! A good place to start is by choosing:

- a grandparent
- an aunt or uncle
- a cousin
- a neighbor
- a friend who has moved away
- someone from your church who is lonely (ask your pastor)
- someone who lives in a local nursing home or retirement community



IDEAS TO WRITE ABOUT

- Favorite hobby or sport
- Favorite food
- Favorite dessert
- Favorite flavor of ice cream
- Favorite book or song
- Favorite board or card game
- Favorite season
- Favorite holiday
- Favorite animal
- Three things you're thankful for
- Something that makes you smile
- Something that makes you laugh
- Your favorite Bible verse
- One thing you're really good at
- Your nickname and how you got it
- Something kind you did for someone
- What super power would you choose?
- Have you broken a bone or gotten stitches?
- How can I pray for you?

FUN THINGS TO PUT IN THE ENVELOPE

- Sticker
- Bookmark
- Drawing
- Coloring page
- Joke
- Photo
- Packet of seeds
- Paper airplane
- Origami
- Friendship bracelet
- Small puzzle (send a few pieces at a time)



PAPER AIRPLANE ADVENTURES

Pair up with a grandparent, friend, sibling, or parent. Write a short message on a piece of paper. Fold your message into a paper airplane and “air mail” it to your adventure buddy.

FUN PAPER AIRPLANE ADVENTURES TO TRY

Story Adventure – Write one sentence or draw one picture on a piece of paper. Fold it into a paper airplane and “air mail” it to your friend. Your friend will think of the next line in the story, write or draw it then send it back to you. Keep going until you've drawn or written the whole tale.

Air Mail Kindness – Is your brother or sister sad today? Send them a paper airplane filled with kindness. Is your mom or dad having a hard day, cheer her or him up with a little “air mail” love note!

Cheery Air Mail – Is your neighbor working hard in their yard? Cheer them on with a “Wow! That looks great!” paper airplane.