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Gentle-Respectful: Make a New Friend

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Ron: To make a friend, be gentle-respectful.

Announcer: For FamilyLife Blended®, here's Ron Deal.

Ron: Let's say you got a new neighbor and I assigned you the task of making a new friend. What would you NOT do? Well, you wouldn't barge your way into their residence uninvited and declare yourself their new BFF. Somebody's going to jail!

No, you'd enter when you're invited. See, stepparents need to be gentle-respectful of the boundaries of kids; meet them where they are. If they open the door wide, step on in. If they open it a little, talk through the crack in the doorway. If they keep it shut, talk *through* the door until they open it. You can't force friendship, but you can grow it one step at a time. For FamilyLife Blended I'm Ron Deal.

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