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1. Be approachable.
2. Take the opportunities God gives you. When someone invites you to do something this week, invite them to do something next week.
3. Talk to other shoppers about the price of lettuce (or whatever) in the grocery store.
4. When you are invited to do things, say “yes” even though you feel shy, don’t know how to get to the invite’s house, or don’t know what to wear.
5. Offer to carpool.
6. Send a card or a note to someone who needs to be encouraged.
7. Be available.
8. Invite someone to lunch
9. Join a woman’s Bible study.
10. Pray for God to send just the right person to be your friend.
11. Find a need in your church or community and fill it.
12. Walk your children to the bus stop and talk to other mothers.
13. Be yourself.
14. Be an initiator.
15. Be a good listener.
16. Put on a happy face and smile.
17. Find something you have in common with people you meet.
18. Ask questions.
19. Find a church.
20. Remember, to have a friend, you must be a friend!
21. Sometimes, to make friends, all you need to do is show up.

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