



Friendship...Character...Community...

Friends Forever Girls: You Decide!

Kristina picked up the ringing telephone. “Lee residence,” she said.

“Kristina, you’ll never guess, the most exciting thing, and I called you right away, well, right after Marlee, anyway, but I’ve known her longest, but I thought of you first thing, we’ll have the best time, you’ll just love it, I know you will!” The voice on the other end stopped to take a big breath.

“That’s the fastest I’ve ever heard anybody talk, even you, Natalie,” Kristina said, giggling. Her friend Natalie was definitely the biggest chatterbox of the six Friends Forever Girls. “Maybe you can say all that again really slowly, so I can understand it this time.”

“Okay, okay,” said Natalie. “Here’s what I’m trying to tell you: the ice show is in town, and they’re performing your favorite musical. My dad just got some extra tickets through his work. Marlee already said she can come, and I want to give you the last ticket. We’ll be by to pick you up this afternoon at 1:00 if you want to go with us.”

“If I want to go?!” exclaimed Kristina. “Of course I want to go! Oh, Natalie, no wonder you’re talking so fast. I almost went crazy with excitement when I heard this

show was coming to town, but we couldn't get tickets. My mom tried, but they've been sold out for weeks. Oh, this is the best thing ever! It will be even more fun to go with you and Marlee! I'll call you back as soon as I've asked Mom if I can go, okay?"

Kristina hung up the phone and raced through the house looking for her mother. Then she suddenly found herself skidding to a stop. Oh, no! In all her excitement, she had forgotten that today was Saturday. And that meant it was also the afternoon that she had agreed to go with Kyleen to the Kids Chorus tryouts.

Kristina's friend Kyleen was the shy member of the Friends Forever Girls. But she also had a beautiful singing voice. Kristina's voice wasn't as good as Kyleen's but she loved anything to do with performing. So even though she wasn't going to try out for the chorus herself, she had been helping Kyleen practice for weeks now.

And when her shy friend had almost backed out of the tryouts, Kristina had promised to go along to cheer her on if only Kyleen would agree to give it a try. After all, Kyleen had been there to support Kristina many times before.

Kristina slumped down on the window seat. It just wasn't fair! She really did want to support Kyleen. But she had dreamed about going to this ice show, and this was her only chance. Was there any way she could get out of going to the tryouts? Maybe she could call Kyleen and say she was feeling sick and couldn't go? That way, Kyleen wouldn't get her feelings hurt. And Kyleen's mom would be there to support her friend. After all, Kristina had been a good friend for weeks now, helping Kyleen with all that practice, right?

Kristina sighed. She had to call Natalie back soon. But what should she do? She just couldn't decide. Suddenly she saw a flash of color outside the window. It was Bella,

the beautiful butterfly. She often seemed to appear just when the Friends Forever Girls needed a reminder of the Butterfly Promises that the group tried hard to follow.

Kristina stood up and headed back to the phone. She had to make an important phone call. And now she knew what she had to say.

What do you think Kristina has decided to do? Look at the Butterfly Promises. What would you do if you were Kristina? Once you have decided, write the ending for Kristina's story.

The Butterfly Promises

- Be the best I can be
- Use kindness and be fair
- Tell the truth
- Treat others the way I want to be treated
- Encourage my friends
- Respect myself and others
- Find the courage to do what's right
- Listen to others

And remember...

- You can do it!