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- Relationships are important for our health and wellbeing
- Belonging to a group can be a good way to build friendships.
- Good relationships are a two way thing.

Talk it Over:

Share with your child the people who are in your Back Up Team.

Family Task:

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