

## ***Art of Friendship***

We want to help you present your child with a piece of art that signifies who they are as a friend. Ask several of your child's friends and friends' parents and/or family members to give you 2 to 3 words that describe your child. Please see the sample message as a point of reference for making this request. Then use these words to create a piece of art for your child's room. Depending on how "artsy" you are, you can personally make this item, hire a professional, or pay a talented teen to do your child's art piece. Here are several ways you can create art using the words:

- 1. Words painted on canvas**
- 2. Words etched in wood**
- 3. Words sketched on paper and framed, calligraphy or graffiti art**
- 4. Use a collage frame and put pictures of friends as well as words into the frames**
- 5. Decorate a poster board with the words**
- 6. Words seared into metal/iron**

There are tons of options for making this cool piece of artwork that is sure to be special to your child. Designate a time to give your child the gift. At the scheduled time you can use the planning guide script as a guide for the presentation.

## **Message for friends' parents**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

We are doing a special project for our son/daughter. We'd love your feedback since your child and our child are friends. Can you please ask your child to tell you 2 or 3 words he/she would use to describe my child. We're going to use these words to create a cool gift for him/her because we've been talking with them about friendship. Thanks so much!

## **Friendship Presentation Script**

You are such a great friend. We've talked about friends showing loyalty, showing respect, and giving encouragement. I've seen you do these things with your friends, and I'm very proud of you. Through doing the kickstarters together we've seen the qualities to look for when choosing a friend and the kind of friend to be to others.

I asked your friends to give me a couple words that describe you, and this is what they come up with. We created a piece of art for you so that you can remember what your friends think of you, and remember the kind of friend God wants you to be. This is what your friends said:

*Read the words to your child.*

Hopefully, this piece of art will remind you to be a good friend by being loyal, showing respect and giving encouragement. These are the traits that God wants us to have in our friendships.