



### ***4th Grade Video Scripts - Invitation to Friendship***

#### **Why...**

Think back to who your best friends were in elementary school. Who were they? Does that thought bring back good or bad memories? I know I can remember those people and all the crazy times we had in school. I still have not forgiven one friend for always getting me in trouble in 4th grade! Enough about our memories, your child is building significant friendships this year and we want to help you navigate that issue this.

This year we are inviting your child to see the power of friendship. Why this year? 4th grade is a huge marker in friendship development for kids. For the first time many children form a deep relationship with a “best friend.” For the first time many keep secrets from their parents that only their friends know about. Some of your children are going to secretly notice that boy or girl across the room and not really know what to do about it. Also with technology at their finger tips many 4th graders can now stay in contact with friends outside of school through texting. This is the year to process the power of friendship with your child.

The biggest influence in a child’s life is their parents. The second greatest influence comes from their circle of friends. Friends shape our child’s story so it is so important to help them choose wisely. Your next step is to check out the How to video and get started toward the rite of passage experience for 4th grade.

#### **How...**

The power of friends is undeniable. All of us can look back on life and see how friends shaped our story for better or for worse. This year you can help your child navigate the power friends have in their life. We are going to invite your child to see the influence friends have on their day-to-day life. This is how we are going to set you up for this rite of passage experience during 4th grade.

Your first step is to check out the three kickstarter experiences we have crafted for you and your child. This year in 4th grade you are going to see a new level of maturity so expect the dialogue with each experience to go to a different level. The three big ideas we will unpack around the idea of friendship are loyalty, respect, and encouragement. The goal this year is not only to help your child connect to strong friendships but also discover what it means to be a good friend.

These three family talk experiences will lead you to a powerful rite of passage blessing. You will have the chance to affirm your child’s need for friends in their life through this experience. Your next step is to present your child with a piece of Friendship Artwork for their room. This year we want to ask your child’s closest friends at church and school one word that describes them. Collect these words and collect pictures of your child and their friends all year. We want you to create a piece of artwork they can hang in their room to always remember the power of friendship.





You can do this by buying a simple pre-made picture collage from Wal-Mart or if you are creative make it on your own. You know your child and what will work.

Never forget that friends shape our child's story so help them choose those friends wisely.