

# FRIENDSHIP IS A TREASURE

## AGES

Children 6+ years

## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

After reading *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister, discuss friendship and brainstorm ways in which to be a good friend. Work together as a group to write an acrostic poem about friendship on a whiteboard. Alternatively, older children can write their own poems. Children then work on their “friendship fish” art by coloring or decorating a fish to make it sparkle like treasure. Suggested runtime: 45 minutes.



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## MATERIALS AND PREPARATION

Materials: White board for the acrostic poem; cardstock; markers; glue, sequins, buttons, felt, glitter, or other sensory items to decorate the fish (optional)

Instructions:

- Before the program, print fish silhouettes onto cardstock, and set up tables and chairs.
- If children will write their own poems, create handouts with a blank line for each of the letters in FRIENDSHIP.

## DEFINITION:

An acrostic poem is one in which the first letter of every line spells out a word. “Friendship,” “Friend,” or “Treasure” would all work well.

## NOTE:

This idea was adapted from an activity from *The Mailbox Magazine* from Aug/Sept. 2007.

## UNIQUE SPACE AND/OR PERSONNEL NEEDS

Solo-librarian friendly.

## RESOURCES

### Books

#### Non-fiction

*I'll Walk With You* (2020) by Carol Lynn Pearson and Jane Sanders (children's)

*Friends: Making Them and Keeping Them* (2015) by Patti Kelley Criswell and Stacy Peterson (children's)

*Do My Part* (2020) by Tamika Leshā (children's)

#### Fiction

*The Rainbow Fish* (1999) by Marcus Pfister (children's)

*Julián is a Mermaid* (2018) by Jessica Love (children's)

*A Stone for Sascha* (2018) by Aaron Becker (children's)

*The Proudest Blue* (2019) by Ibtihaj Muhammad, S.K. Ali, and Hatem Aly (children's)

*Pool* (2015) by Jihyeon Lee (children's)

*The Story of Fish and Snail* (2013) by Deborah Freedman (children's)

*Catching a Storyfish* (2016) by Janice N. Harrington (children's)

*The Little Wave* (2019) by Pip Harry (children's)

### Printables

Fish Silhouette to Decorate or Color

