

The Art of Time



Marie
Paul
Shena
Jax

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Page 1: A Different Kind of Art Class

Every Tuesday afternoon, the art room came alive. But today, there was a large grandfather clock standing in the front of the room.

“Weren’t we supposed to paint today?”
someone whispered.



Mrs. Ellis pointed to the moving hands on the clock.

“Can anyone pause time?”

Paul jokingly raised his hand. “I can pause my video games.”

The class laughed.



Painting Our Lives

Mrs. Ellis held up a blank canvas. "Think of your life like this painting. Every minute you spend is another brushstroke. You can paint kindness, learning, or friendship. But you can't erase yesterday's brushstrokes."



Marie, Paul, and Shena all smiled.

The ‘It clicked!’ smile.

Then Jax looked from the clock to the canvas
and his eyes widened.

Now it clicked for him too.

The four friends smiled at one another.

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After that day, art class became different. Marie painted families. Paul painted children helping neighbors. Shena painted joyful memories. Jax painted clocks surrounded by smiling people.

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The four friends loved experimenting with new ideas. Watercolors. Clay. Pastels. Charcoal. Every project became another chance to express themselves. They encouraged one another and celebrated each other's creativity.

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Soon, the lesson followed them home.
Marie spent evenings drawing with her sister.
Paul helped his grandfather build a birdhouse.
Shena made cards for neighbors.
Jax sketched pictures for children at church.

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Growing Through Creativity



Weeks passed. The students became more confident. They stopped comparing their work. Instead, they asked, “What can I create? Who can my artwork encourage today?” Mrs. Ellis couldn’t have been prouder.



At the end of the semester, the school held an art exhibition.

Jax told a visitor, "I learned that every day is like a blank canvas.

We get to decide what kind of picture we'll paint
with our lives."

Mrs. Ellis smiled from across the room.

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The Greatest Masterpiece



On the final day, Mrs. Ellis said, “I hope you become wonderful people.” The four friends smiled. They knew they were painting something even greater than pictures. Their lives. And they wanted every brushstroke to count.

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Time is one of the greatest gifts
you'll ever receive.

Like an artist with a blank canvas,
you choose how to fill each day.

Spend time learning, creating,
helping others, and making memories
with family and friends.

The masterpiece you create
isn't just your artwork—
it's the life you choose to live.



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