These three have a bond that not many can comprehend, except maybe for sisters. However, Shirley, Marlyn and Jada have distinct personalities. While they aren’t necessarily close in age, they are very close at heart. We met with this trio at Color Me Mine in Whittier, CA for an art project that gave us the opportunity to sit together, paint and chat. And, we got to know them much better.

Shirley (2007) is the big sister. She’s outgoing, expressive, intentional and very thoughtful in how she communicates. This focused and well-grounded young girl is the one who corrals them all together to play, keep tabs with each other and ensuring their daily dose of interaction. At a young age, Shirley understands the importance of relationships and hopes to solidify one of a forever family for her and her sisters. Shirley isn’t necessarily about being a surrogate parent, she also has her set of interests especially in the arts that involve dancing and journaling. More recently, she has discovered film and would like to explore that aspect. While painting a seal, she told us that she hopes to become a veterinarian when she grows up.

Marlyn (2010), also communicates well and has a lot of spirit. A characteristic strength is her assertiveness and asking questions. This may make her seem a little guarded but this tells us that she’s all about keeping safe. Of the trio, Marlyn loves the artistic medium of painting and drawing the most. She loves to pay attention to details and it’s in this form of art that she likes to express herself. Marlyn is also very loyal to people she trusts and loves. On this day, she was painting her pottery for her foster mom.

As the youngest, Jade (2014) is characteristically “happy and go-lucky” not only because she’s well protected by her sisters but because of the loving and nurturing interactions she has with her sisters. Jade is remarkably verbal and articulate for her age. Like her big sister Shirley, Jade loves to dance and twirl; so she decided to paint a marine animal for her art piece. Jade is also very affectionate.

These three desire to be part of a forever family; however, the idea of adoption has been confusing at times. A family that can respect why these kiddos want to keep birth family relationships while concurrently build a forever family with them is what these three need. Tune in to Wednesday’s Child and then call to learn about adoption at 1-866-921-ADOPT (2367).