

WORLD ^{DRAWING} GOD DAY



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PATCH PROGRAM FOR GIRL SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS

TO INSPIRE GIRL SCOUTS AND BOY SCOUTS TO CONNECT WITH THEIR OWN FAITH
IMAGINATION AND EXPRESS ARTISTICALLY HOW AND WHERE THEY SEE GOD,
AS WELL AS EXPLORE WITH OTHERS HOW AND WHERE THEY SEE GOD.

World Drawing God Day is a grassroots celebration, honoring your God and sharing your vision of God artistically with others.

God is the name given to the Supreme Being in most Christian religions. God is also known by many other names. Some religions have several gods. Everyone has their own belief and this day offers an opportunity to share your vision of God as well as explore other interpretations. Talking and drawing are wonderful ways to share the gift of faith with others and for our world.

Before planning a Drawing God event, be sure to check with your participants to see if there is any reason some cannot or choose to not participate because of their personal beliefs. God/god does not have to take a human form. The expression can be how you feel about God/god. It could be a heart for love, a sun for caring warmth, a butterfly for freedom to be yourself, etc.

****You can also participate in this patch program on a day other than November 7th, just use hashtag #drawinggod**

To earn the Patch:

1. Read the book, "Drawing God." Discuss with someone or write a journal post of what God or your personal belief means to you.
2. Visit an art galley either for real or virtually. Look at the pictures and find ones that mean something to you. Why did you choose those particular pictures?
3. We can't see God Himself of course, but we can picture His love, His power and His goodness. Find pictures of God that others have drawn. Do they look the same or different? Why do you think there are so many versions of God? Do we all "see" the same God?
4. Draw your version of God or Supreme Being. Is your God drawing human or did it take another form? Why did you choose that image?
5. Share your drawing with others who have drawn their own version. How are they the same? Different? Share your thoughts with each other or use hashtag: #drawinggod to share with world.
6. Feel free to use the IDEA KIT, starting on page 5, to supplement or enhance one of the requirements.

ORDERING THE BOOK

YOU can order the “Drawing God” book on AMAZON, by searching “Drawing God,” by Karen Kiefer or visit: www.drawing-god.com . Feel free to email Karen directly for questions or a Skype session: karen.kiefer@bc.edu

ORDERING PATCHES

YOU can order **patches** at PatchWork Designs: www.patchworkdesigns.net
Here’s what the patch looks like:



Each patch is \$1.85

For questions, please email Karen Kiefer (karen.kiefer@bc.edu), founder of Misfit University, the Million Misfit Sock March and the bread spreading

organization, Spread the Bread. Kiefer has created several patch programs for Girl Scouts and other youth organizations over the past 15 years.

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Dear Friends:

We know that life is busy, so we wanted to make it as easy as possible for you to creatively participate in the first **World Drawing God Day** on November 7th.

After reading the book *Drawing God*, we hope that Emma's contagious faith fills you with ideas and ways to share the vision of the God that lives inside your mind and heart. *There are no rules*, but we do ask that you share your inspiration using the hashtag #drawinggod. It's exciting to think about the possibility that this days holds for our faith and, of course, for our world.

Have fun expressing the GOD that lives inside you. Please, don't forget to spread the word and register online at: www.drawing-god.com.

With you,

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READ *DRAWING GOD*

In the children’s book, “Drawing God,” young Emma is inspired to draw like Pablo Picasso after a field trip to the art museum. The urge to draw something beyond spectacular would not leave her side. Emma decides to draw GOD. Emma is so excited to share her images of GOD with her classmates, until she realizes that no one can see GOD in her drawings. However, her contagious faith casts a spell over her classmates and eventually they are all inspired to draw GOD and every picture is different.

Emma’s joyful desire to draw GOD and share it with her world is the spirit behind WORLD DRAWING GOD DAY. Everyone sees GOD differently and yet in a beautiful way. There’s also so much opportunity to grow in conversation, love and friendship by sharing our own interpretations of God with each other. Although the story, *Drawing God* is written for children 3 to 8 years old, the messages are really for any age.

Where do you see GOD?
What does GOD look like to you?

Have fun inspiring and creating. There’s an extensive guide filled with classroom ideas at the end of the *Drawing God* book. However, here are some ideas that focus on World Drawing God Day, specifically.

SPREAD THE WORD

WORLD DRAWING GOD DAY

POSTERS

Hang up the posters (on the following page) around school. If you'd like your posters to be customized for your school or event, let us know and we can send you the document: drawinggodday@gmail.com

AUTHOR VISIT or SKYPE CALL

Are you interested in an author visit or Skype call, please email Karen Kiefer directly: karen.kiefer@bc.edu

SOCIAL MEDIA

Find Karen K Kiefer on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram
Update on fan Facebook page: @worlddrawinggodday
When using social media, always use the hashtag: #drawinggod

WEBSITE

Please refer to the website for updates on the book and World Drawing God Day, including a publicity/promotion kit, coming late summer
www.drawing-god.com

The book can be purchased on Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble online and for a discount on multiple orders, please visit: www.paracletepress.com

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INSPIRE: CREATE IN COMMUNITY

One of the important lessons in the book *Drawing God* is that we all have the power to inspire each other to see God in all things. Think about how you might celebrate WORLD DRAWING GOD DAY with others in your classroom or community.

PLAN A “DRAWING GOD” EVENT/ACTIVITY

If you are a teacher or school administrator, scout leader:

Call everyone together in a large space to create. Maybe it’s the school gym, the cafeteria, on a flat surface on the playground. If you are concerned about numbers, you could divide the gathering by grades.

Think about what your group might create/draw on:

- Large sheets of paper or possibly a scroll
- Fabric swatches
- Tin foil
- Rocks

You decide.

Think about the tools to create:

- Colored pencils
- Paints
- Markers
- Crayons

Another option is using this simple WORLD DRAWING GOD DAY template on next page:

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ART IDEAS: FINDING GOD IN ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

Let's begin with PICASSO...

In the first pages of *Drawing God*, Emma is inspired by artist Pablo Picasso to draw something beyond spectacular. Emma decides to draw God. Consider Picasso's inspiration in your classroom. This website is filled with great ideas: www.pablocicasso.org



Collage is a great way to express and create artistically – no rules and anything goes. **The Artful Parent** has 50 ways to bring this idea to life: <https://artfulparent.com/collage-art-ideas-kids/>



CHALK is another creative medium to experiment. We point you to **Powerful Mothering** blog for some great ideas:
<https://www.powerfulmothering.com/chalk-art-ideas-activities/>



GOD IS LIGHT: FINDING GOD IN NATURE

In the book *Drawing God*, Emma sees God as light and draws a brilliant sun.



We find God in nature so let nature be your canvas. This is also a wonderful way to remind children about God's creation. How about a nature walk; a God walk? Here are some wonderful ways to create art with nature from

The Craft Train:

<https://www.thecrafttrain.com/21-ways-create-art-nature/>

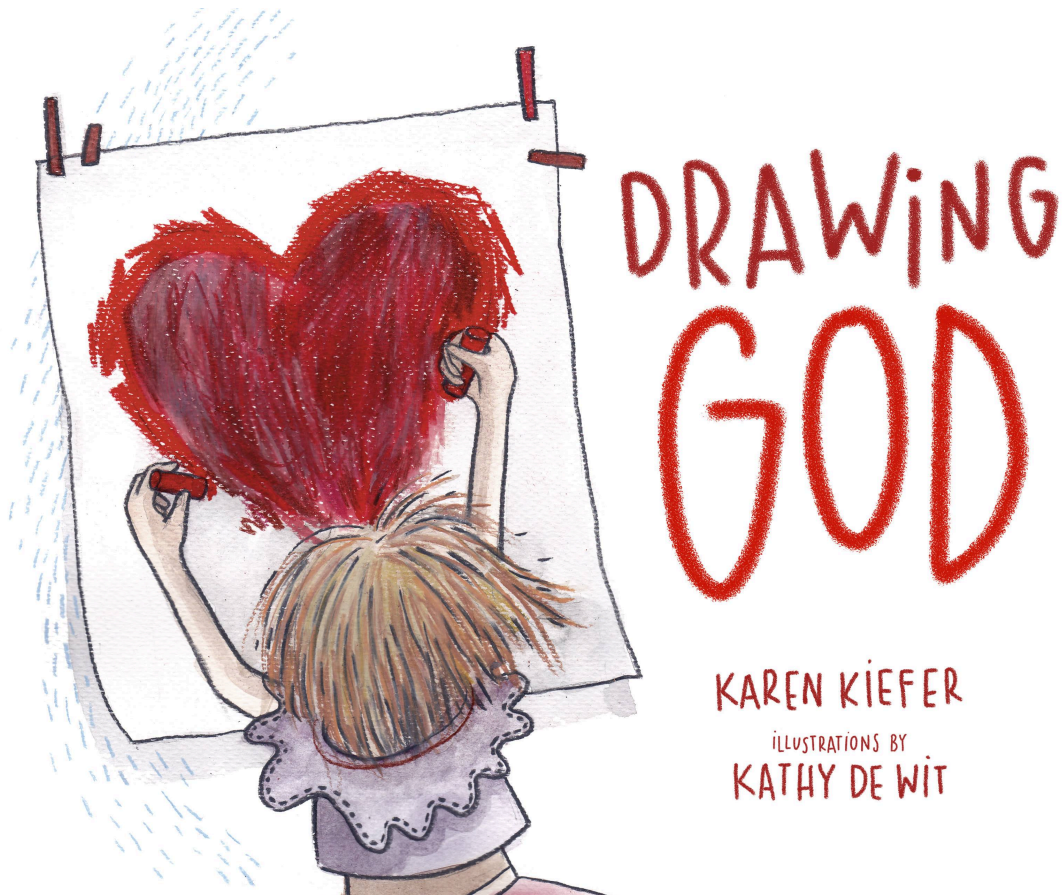


21 WAYS TO CREATE ART with nature



GOD IS LOVE: FINDING GOD IN LOVING YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Emma also sees God as LOVE and draws the reddest heart imaginable. We loved the drawing so much it became the cover of the book:

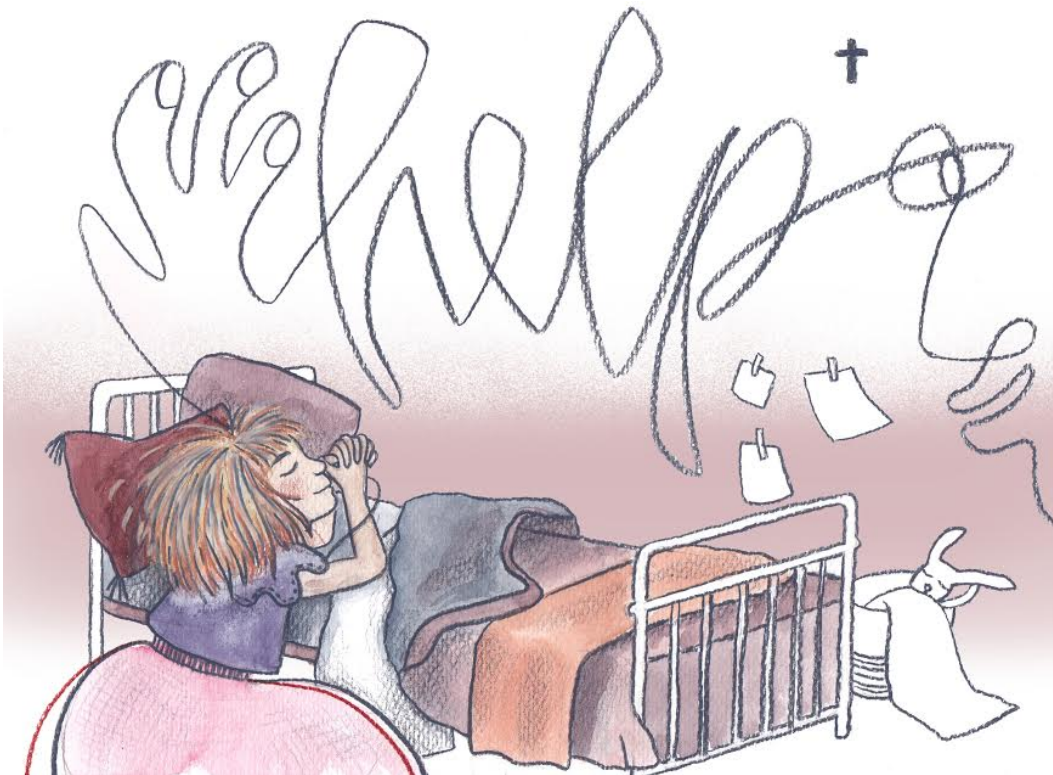


In the book, Rose, one of Emma's classmates, reminds her that God is not a Valentine. But Emma knows with all her heart that God is LOVE. So why not consider having the students make creative cards that they can send/deliver to people they love. We think God is a valentine. Here are so many ideas for homemade cards from **Tinker Lab** :

<https://tinkerlab.com/40-homemade-cards-for-kids-to-make/>

GOD IS PRAYER: PRAYING FOR YOURSELF AND OTHERS

In the book *Drawing God*, Emma prays and asks God for help. Introduce prayer writing is another opportunity to express our love for God as part of World Drawing God Day.



BOOKMARKS

Have students write a short prayer and make it into a bookmark. Here are 25 creative bookmark ideas to make this project come to life from

Architecture Art Designs:

<http://www.architectureartdesigns.com/25-creative-diy-bookmarks-ideas/>

PRAYER JARS

Another wonderful project is making Prayer Jars. The jar holds daily prayers written on pieces of paper or Popsicle sticks. The jar can be fun to decorate and the practice is engaging. **The SS Blog** has some fun ideas to get you started: <https://www.ssw.com/blog/how-to-make-prayer-jars-religious-craft-activity-lesson>



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GOD IS BREAD: SHARING WITH OTHERS, FOR OTHERS

In the book *Drawing God* Emma knows that God is bread because it reminds of the bread her mother bakes. Emma's mother tells her that bread reminds her of God's grace.



Think about celebrating World Drawing God Day in the kitchen, baking bread or cookies for others. You can wrap the baked goods as a gift and tie it with a note of happy good wishes and offer it as a gift. If you can't bake at school you could also plan a bread collection day, asking your community to donate sandwich breads and then spread it back into your community. Food pantries love sandwich bread, it is in great need. For more information and ideas go to **Spread the Bread:** www.spreadthebread.org

SHARE A GOD GALLERY

Part of the excitement of this day is showcasing everyone’s vision of how they see GOD. Will you display the creations somewhere? If so, where? Consider sharing your artistic renderings in a fun and powerful way. After all, presentation is an art form. Don’t forget to share your inspiration using the hashtag #drawinggod. We will also feature images on our website: www.drawing-god.com . Questions? drawinggodday@gmail.com
Here are 45 creative ways to hang art from, **A Girl and a Glue Gun** blog: <https://www.agirlandagluegun.com/2016/04/kids-art-display-ideas.html>



USE TECHNOLOGY

Take pictures of your creations and make a slideshow, using:



[Animoto.com](https://www.animoto.com)

[Kizoa.com](https://www.kizoa.com)

[Photosnack.com](https://www.photosnack.com)

[Photopeach.com](https://www.photopeach.com)

[Slide.ly.com](https://www.slide.ly)

CELEBRATE YOUR PARTICIPATION

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for participating in
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BLESSINGS and GRATITUDE.

Do you have others ideas for World Drawing God Day?

PLEASE share them with us:

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