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# WORLD <sup>DRAWING</sup> GOD DAY



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# WORLD DRAWING GOD DAY

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 third annual World Drawing God Day on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Church communities can celebrate WGD on the following Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

After reading the book *Drawing God*, we hope that Emma's contagious faith fills you with ideas and new 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 what this day 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](http://www.drawing-god.com).

With you,

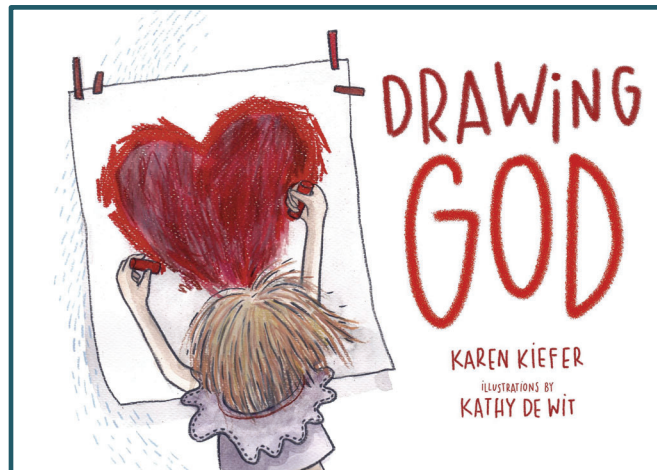
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## READ *DRAWING GOD*



In the children's book *Drawing God*, young Emma is inspired to draw like 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. 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.

The book can be purchased through Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and with a discount from Paraclete Press ([www.paracletepress.com](http://www.paracletepress.com)).

# SPREAD THE WORD

## POSTERS

Hang up the posters (on the following three pages) 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](mailto: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](mailto:karen.kiefer@bc.edu)

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Find Karen Kiefer on Twitter, Facebook, or Instagram, @karenkiefer. Updates 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](http://www.drawing-god.com)



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## How do you see God?

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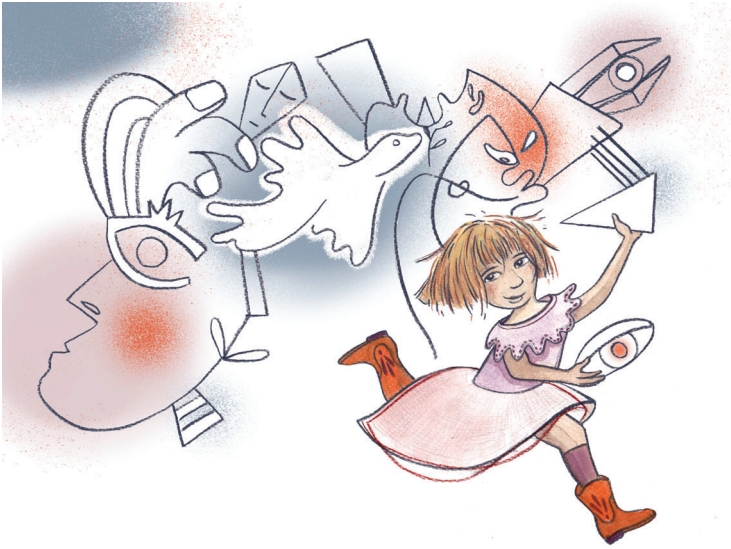




## ART IDEAS: FINDING GOD IN ARTISTIC EXPRESSION

### PICASSO

In the first few pages of *Drawing God*, Emma is inspired by the artist Pablo Picasso upon seeing his paintings at the art museum. She has an urge to draw something beyond spectacular. *Emma decides to draw God.*



Consider Picasso's inspiration in your classroom. This website is filled with great ideas: [pablocicasso.org](http://pablocicasso.org).



## COLLAGE

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: [artfulparent.com/collage-art-ideas-kids/](http://artfulparent.com/collage-art-ideas-kids/)



# CHALK

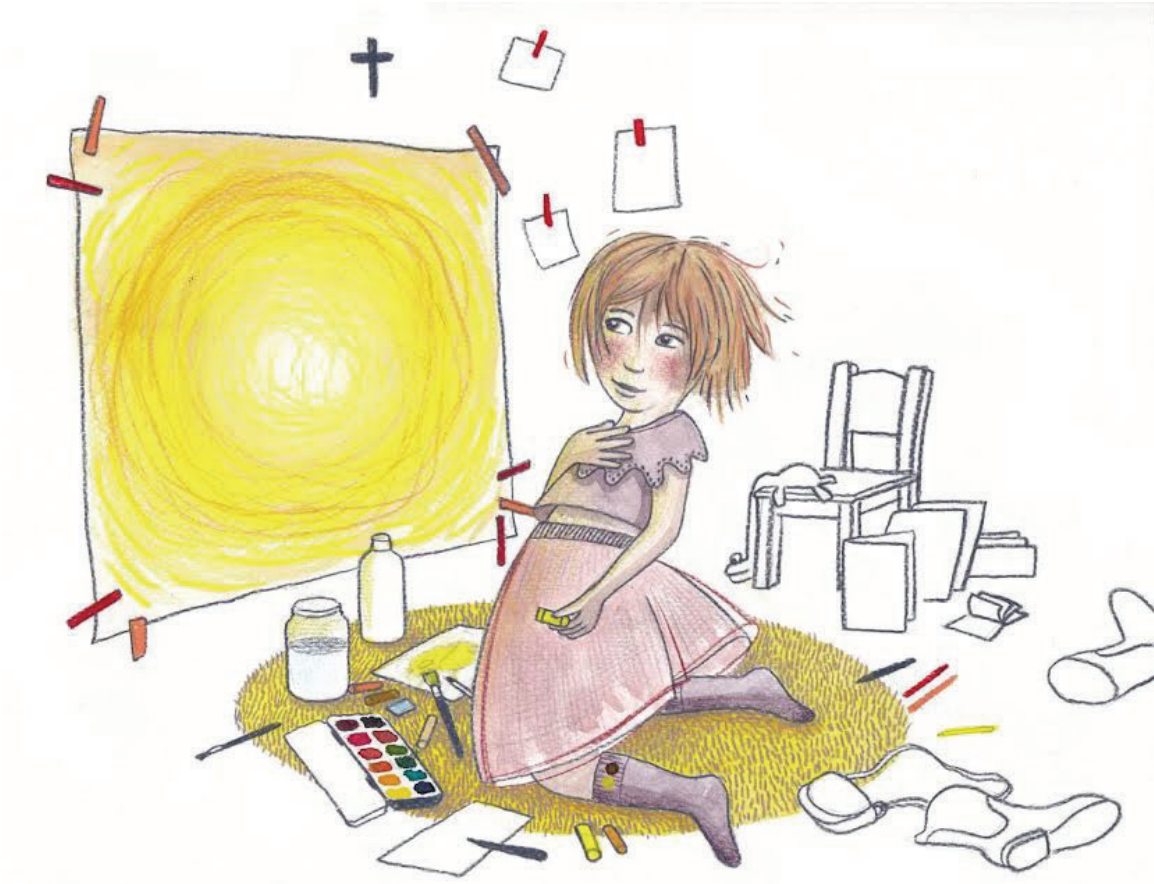
Chalk is another creative medium to experiment. We point you to **Powerful Mothering** blog for some great ideas:

[powerfulmothering.com/chalk-art-ideas-activities/](http://powerfulmothering.com/chalk-art-ideas-activities/)



## GOD IS LIGHT: 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 of God's creations. You could begin with a nature walk. A God walk?

Here are some other ways to create art with nature from **The Craft Train**:  
[thecrafttrain.com/21-ways-create-art-nature/](http://thecrafttrain.com/21-ways-create-art-nature/)

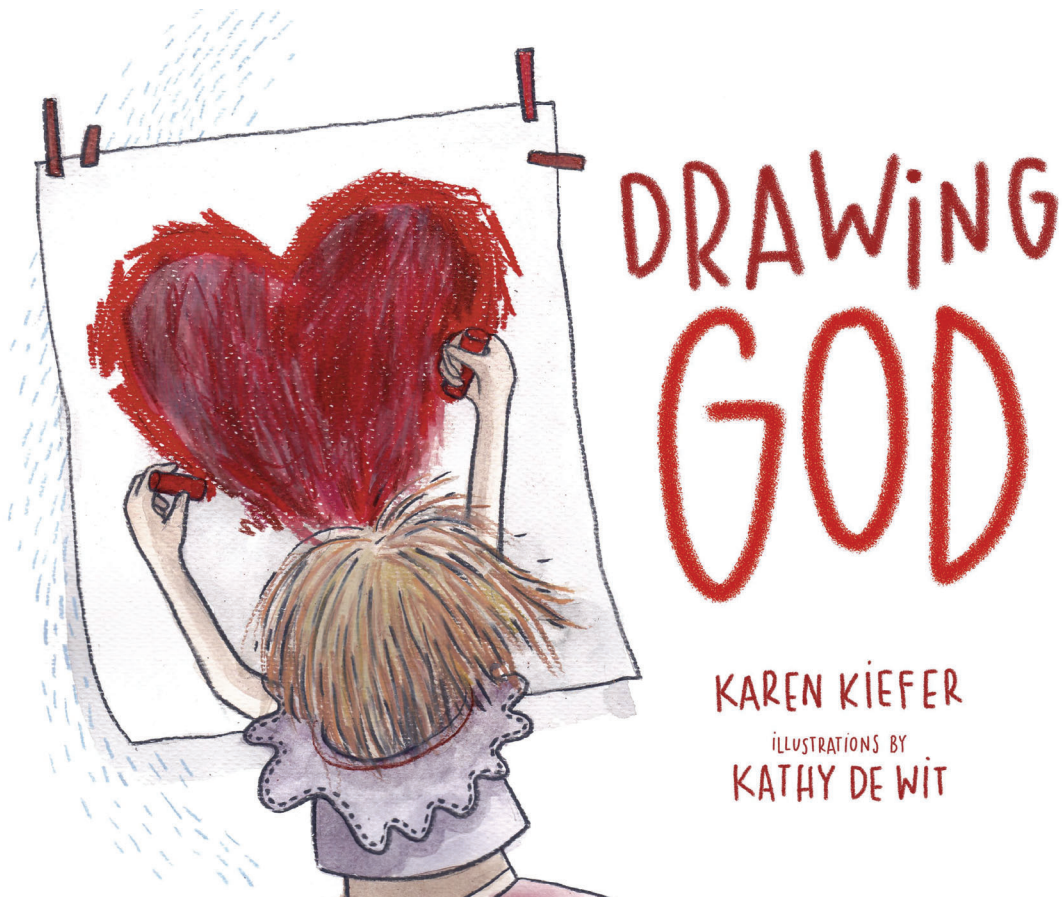


# 21 WAYS TO CREATE ART *with nature*



## GOD IS LOVE

Emma also sees God as **LOVE** and draws the reddest heart imaginable. We loved the drawing (by illustrator, Kathy De Wit) so much it became the cover of the book:



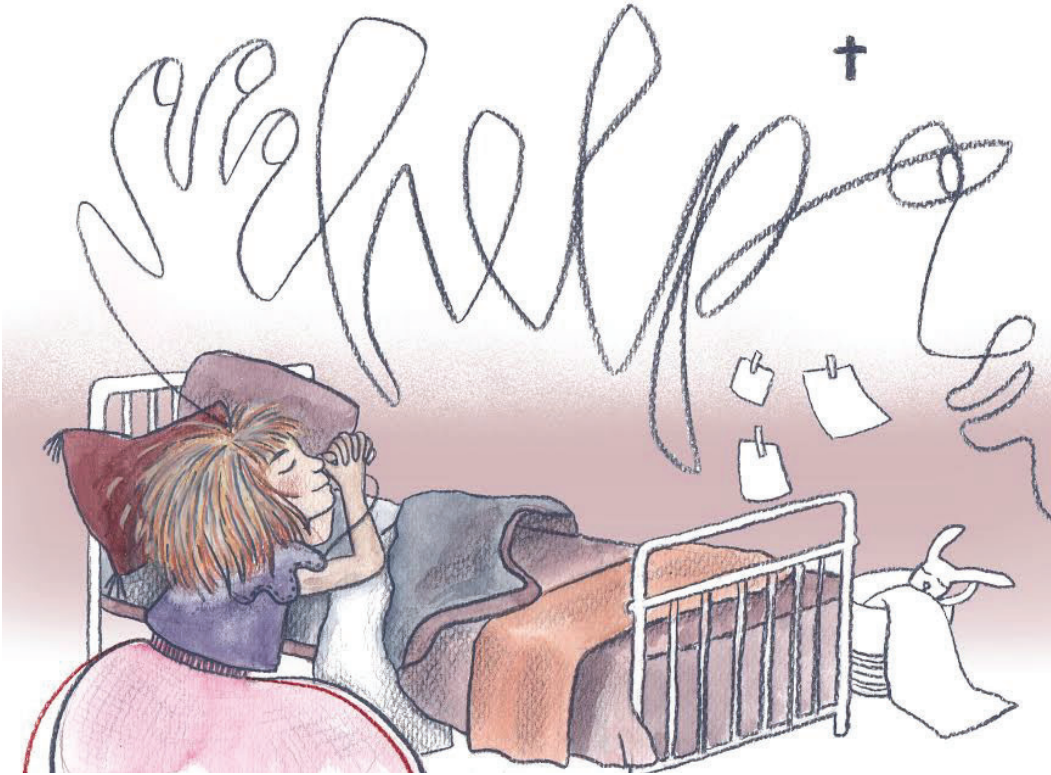
In the book, Rose, one of Emma's classmates, reminds her that God is not a Valentine. But Emma knows with all her heart that God is **LOVE**. So why not consider having the students make creative cards that they can send/deliver to people they love.

By the way, we do think God is a Valentine! Here are some clever ideas for homemade cards from **Tinker Lab**:

[tinkerlab.com/40-homemade-cards-for-kids-to-make/](http://tinkerlab.com/40-homemade-cards-for-kids-to-make/)

## GOD IS PRAYER

In the book *Drawing God*, Emma prays and asks God for help. Writing prayer 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**: [architectureartdesigns.com/25-creative-diy-bookmarks-ideas/](http://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:

[sww.com/blog/how-to-make-prayer-jars-religious-craft-activity-lesson](http://sww.com/blog/how-to-make-prayer-jars-religious-craft-activity-lesson)





## GOD IS BREAD

Emma draws GOD as bread because it reminds Emma of her mom's baking. Bread reminds Emma's mom of God's grace.

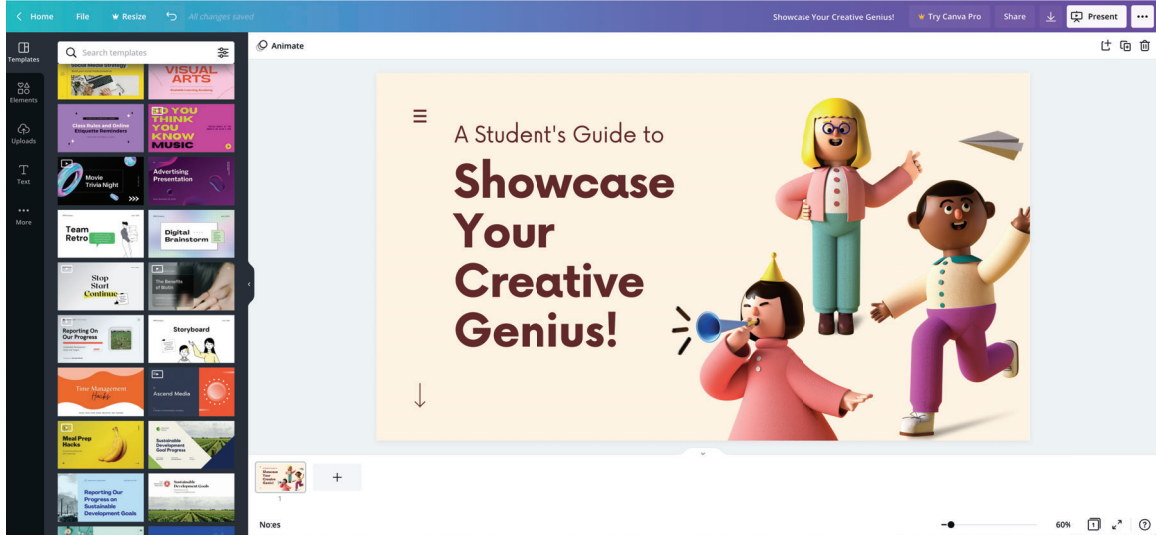


Think about celebrating World Drawing God Day in the kitchen, baking bread or cookies for others. You can wrap the baked goods as a gift, tie it with a note of good wishes, and offer it as a gift.

If you can't bake at school, you could plan a bread collection day, asking your community to donate sandwich breads and then spread those breads back into your community. Tie each loaf with an inspiring card/note. Food pantries love sandwich bread. It is in great need. For more information and ideas go to **Spread the Bread:** [spreadthebread.org](http://spreadthebread.org)

# USE TECHNOLOGY

Take pictures of your art projects/expressions and make a slideshow.



Check out these slideshow and design sites:

[Canva.com](https://www.canva.com)

[Pixlr.com](https://www.pixlr.com)

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

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

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

## 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.

### CREATE 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](http://www.drawing-god.com). Questions? [drawinggodday@gmail.com](mailto:drawinggodday@gmail.com)

Here are 45 creative ways to hang art from **A Girl and a Glue Gun** blog: [agirlandaglugun.com/2016/04/kids-art-display-ideas.html](http://agirlandaglugun.com/2016/04/kids-art-display-ideas.html)



## PLAN A DRAWING GOD EVENT/ACTIVITY

If you are a teacher, school administrator, or scout leader, call everyone together in a large space to create. Maybe it's the school gym, the cafeteria, or on a flat surface on the playground. If you are concerned about numbers, you could divide the gathering by grades.

If you are planning an event, please reach out to us by email or phone with the contact info on the last page of this Idea Kit. We would *love* to feature photos of your event on our Drawing God website!

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 the next page:

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## CELEBRATE YOUR PARTICIPATION

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THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT



participated in WORLD DRAWING GOD DAY  
on November 3rd or 7th, 2021



SIGNATURE



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