FAITH JOURNEY IMAGES OF GOD

Images of GOD

...effect how we interact with others and our earth.



What's the deal with images of God?

Whether we are aware of it or not, the way we picture God moulds us as people.

Our image of God grows and changes as we grow and change. When we are young our image of God is informed by our parents and family. As we grow our culture, tradition and personal faith shape our view God, and as we mature, all of these things as well as our own experiences and learnings continue to build this image.

What kind of God do you believe in? What are your favourite images of God?



LOVING

"Jesus looked at him and loved him ..."

Mark 10:21



FORGIVING

"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do "

Luke 23:34



MERCIFUL

"When he saw the crowd he had compassion for them"

Matthew 9:36

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Mother

Isaiah 66:13 As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.

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Friend

Exodus 33:11 ...the Lord used to speak to Moses face to face, as one speaks to a friend

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Leopard

Hosea 13:7-8 So I will become like a lion to them, like a leopard I will lurk beside the way. FAITH JOURNEY IMAGES OF GOD

God portrait

To help draw a picture of your image of God. Here are two art activities to try.

1) Thumb Print God Portrait:



Use words to describe the God you believe in. Write them in the ridges of the finger print. Go back over the online unit to come up with as many

words as you can. You can also use scripture quotes, adjectives and nature words to develop your image.





2) Collage God Portrait:

You will need: a large piece of paper, a strong light, a pencil, blue tack, magazines or online images, glue and scissors.

In a dark dish room tack the large piece of paper to the wall, have the child stand in front of it with the light source behind them. Using their shadow draw the child's silhouette onto the paper.

Using the magazines and/or online images cut out pictures that describe the God you believe in and paste them all over the silhouette. Make sure you go right up to and over the edges and just cut off the excess. Once complete cut out the entire silhouette and hang on your wall. This is a great activity that can be repeated at different times on your faith journey, to show how your images of God changes.

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Steven a deacon was full of faith and well liked, which made him dislike by those in power. He was put on trial, and false witnesses were used to accuse him of blasphemy. At the end of the trial he shared a vision he had of God and Jesus and that was enough for the people to take him out and stone him. He is remembered especially for his last words "Lord Jesus receive my spirit and do not hold this sin against them."

He is known as the first Christian **martyr**, a word that means witness!



