

Bible Scripture Art

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Lilies of the Field

Welcome to project 2 of Bible Scripture Art! Creating is a very God-like activity. In the very first book of the Bible we read God created the earth and filled it with wondrous things; the works of His hands. After gazing upon His creation He pronounced them very good.

Bible Scripture Art combines the joy of creating with the joy of studying God's Holy Word. You will experience God's Word in a new way as you interact with Scripture through drawing, writing, coloring and painting. The possibilities are as deep as God's Word. Get ready to release your inner artist and breathe new life into your time with God!

Please look over the list of materials needed for this Bible Scripture Art project.

Materials List:

Itoya Doubleheader Calligraphy pens

Canson Watercolor paper (cold press)

Royal & Langnickel brushes (size 20 flat, size 4 flat, size 10 round)

Lyra 24 Watercolor (warning: color names are in German, so brush up on your Deutch)

White Crayola crayon (As a teacher, I prefer Crayola)

Watercolor paper



Brushes



Waterclors



Please start your Bible Scripture Art time today with prayer. Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit and to reveal the truth of His Word to you today as you create with His Word.

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Please read Luke 12:25-31 and respond to the questions below.

How do we benefit from worry (verse 25)?

Not a single bit. There are no benefits from worrying; quite the contrary. The Greek word used for worry in this verse is *merimna*, which translates as care, anxiety, to be drawn in different directions, anxiety about earthly life. *Merimna* descends from the verb *merizo* which means *to be cut into pieces*. Our verse states that worry does not cause us to grow, but just the opposite—it cuts us to pieces.

What are we able to do for ourselves (verse 26)?

If we can't even do the smallest thing for ourselves, why do we fret as if we can manage our larger concerns such as our job path, the lives of our children, or the outcome of our latest challenge? Amidst our challenges and trials what are we supposed to do? Verse 27 contains the key.

Instead of worries and concerns, on what should our focus rest (verse 27)?

Who clothes the lilies of the field? Do the lilies contribute in anyway in this effort?

What three things are we not to worry about (verses 28-29)?

God, who fed and clothed the Hebrew people as they wandered the desert for forty years, is certainly able to do the same for us ... as a matter of fact He has been. Just as the Hebrew people had to go out and gather what God had already provided, so do we. God promises His children will never beg for bread.

Since God provides for our daily needs, we are free to do what (verse 31)?

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Let's recap. What do we gain if we focus on stuff? Worry, anxiety, and stress.

What do we gain if we focus on God?

He will give us the very things we used to worry about obtaining—plus, we will have an abundant measure of His Presence—pressed down, running over, shaken together. God is our great reward.

“God, who has done the greater for us [salvation, redemption, and restoration] may be depended upon to do the less [food, clothes, shelter].”- Matthew Henry

Let's turn our attention to our project for today.

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Step 1. Get a sheet of watercolor paper and your white crayon. (I will use a dark crayon so my example drawings will be easy to see.)

Step 2. Lay out the blossoms of the flowers on your paper, leaving some room for stems. Do not worry (remember our Bible study?) about exactly duplicating my example.



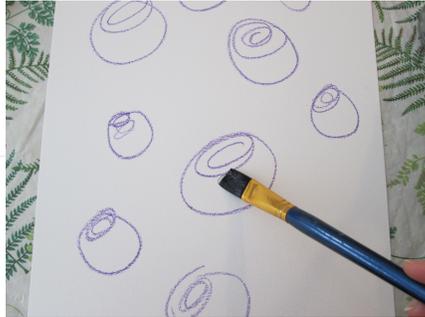
Step 3. Choose your colors for your blossoms. Wet each blossom individually with the 20 flat brush, and add watercolor with the round brush. Dab on the color and watch the flowers appear before your eyes!

Hints: If you can't see the flowers, tip your paper at an angle, and the white crayon will show up in the light. Use paper towel to soak up excess water or “mistakes”.

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Add water:



Dab on color:



I usually use more than one color per flower. Start with your lightest color first.

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Step 4: Let your creation dry for about twenty minutes.

Step 5: Add stems and leaves. Use a couple of different shades of green for leaves and stems to make your painting more realistic and interesting. Be fearless!



Step 6: Let your picture dry completely then add the Bible verse in ink color of choice.





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