

ART *for the* NOT YET

A Call for Poetry, Music,
Stories, Spoken Word,
Visual Art, Sculpture,
and Digital Media



Art Concepts due
August 31, 2026

Final Works due
October 1, 2026



Lend your creativity to Art for the Not Yet—a collaborative arts project celebrating the creative heartbeat of the Church!

Submitted works will be displayed during BGAV's 2026 Annual Meeting: November 9-11 in Virginia Beach, VA!

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CREATIVE PROMPTS *for Children*

PROMPT 1: THE MISSION STILL UNFOLDING

The gospel's unfinished story in your town, state, country, or world.

Questions to Encourage Creativity

- Think about your community- Who are your friends? Who is your family? Who is your neighbor(s)?
- How would you describe your community to someone else?
- How would you describe your family and friends to someone else?
- God is always working in our lives and in the lives of our friends and family- where have you seen God working?

Art Project

Take an 8.5x11 sheet of paper. Measure 2.5 inches from each side of the paper and draw a line to create a frame. Take time for children to decorate their frame. Let them decide how to decorate it- prompt them to let it reflect not only themselves but their faith and community around them. Let them use various mediums to do so.

After, if they are able, have them go out and take a picture of what they think accurately portrays their community. It may be a picture of their church, school, or family. It may be a picture of the landscape or a local monument. Let them decide what to focus on. If able, help them print out the photo and mount it in the middle of their frame.

Have them think of a title of their work that reflects what they think of their community.



PROMPT 2: THE HEART OF GOD

How art, music, or written words can open doors where sermons can't and/or a reimagining of God's heart for the next generation of dreamers, artists, and builders.

Questions to Encourage Creativity

- What is love?
- How do you show love to those you care about?
- What is something or someone that you love?
- What do you think God loves?
- How does God show His love?

Art Project

Provide each child a 4x4 inch paper square. Lead a group discussion based on the questions provided and then encourage each child to decorate their paper square however they would like (a flower drawing, cartoon, pattern, etc.) using whatever medium they wish to (colored pencil, acrylic paint, watercolor, cut paper, etc.).

When all the children have finished decorating their paper square, take all the squares and put them together in a grid formation, like a quilt. This can be done on a large piece of bulletin board paper, wrapping paper, or a posterboard.

Discuss with the children what to name their "quilt."

PROMPT 3: THE EDGE OF BELIEF

The sound of faith before belief—the murmur, the longing, the almost.

Questions to Encourage Creativity

Read either all or some of the selected scriptures out loud to the children and discuss the scriptures together focusing on:

- What do you these scriptures mean?
- What do you learn about God from these scriptures?
- What do we learn about ourselves from these scriptures?

Selected Scriptures

- **Acts 17:6b:** "...These people who have been turning the world upside down have come here also..."



- **John 4:28-29:** *"Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, 'Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?'"*
- **Acts 8:26-31:** *"Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him."*
- **Mark 9:20-25:** *"And they brought the boy] to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it threw the boy[] into convulsions, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus[c] asked the father, 'How long has this been happening to him?' And he said, 'From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us.' Jesus said to him, 'If you are able!—All things can be done for the one who believes.' Immediately the father of the child cried out,[d] 'I believe; help my unbelief!' When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, 'You spirit that keep this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!'"*
- **John 9:35-38:** *"Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir?[b] Tell me, so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.' He said, 'Lord,[c] I believe.' And he worshipped him."*

Art Project

Provide each child with an 8.5x11inch sheet of paper and various collage materials such as scraps of paper, fabric, buttons, magazines, stickers, etc. Use whatever you have on hand- this is a great way to use up those supplies that have been laying around!

Encourage the children to pick one of the scriptures and think back on your group discussion. Prompt the child to create a collage based on their chosen scripture. Have them focus on what you discussed.

Help them title their piece by having them tell you about their collage.



PROMPT 4: THE WORK BEFORE THE HARVEST

The quiet labor of love that prepares the soil for the fruit of future generations.

Questions to Encourage Creativity

Before starting the discussion, read Galatians 5:22-23. After, use these questions to engage children in group discussion:

- What are the Fruits of the Spirit?
- What does that mean, "fruit of the spirit"?
- What does *(one of the fruits of the spirit)* look like?
- What do we need to do to be more *(one of the fruits of the spirit)*?

Art Project

Provide each child with an 8.5x11 inch sheet of paper. Have each child pick one of the fruits of the spirit. Encourage them to create a work of art based on their fruit of the spirit, whether it be a literal fruit that they think represents their "fruit" of the spirit or an abstract representation.

For reference, the Fruits of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.