

MONTHLY LESSON

Bible Journaling & Faith Art Interactive Devotional



ADDITIONAL READINGS

GOD IS NEAR
PSALM 145:18

REACH FOR HIM
ACTS 17:27-28

DRAW NEAR TO HIM
JAMES 4:8

DO NOT FEAR
ISAIAH 41:10

"For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I am the one who helps you.'"

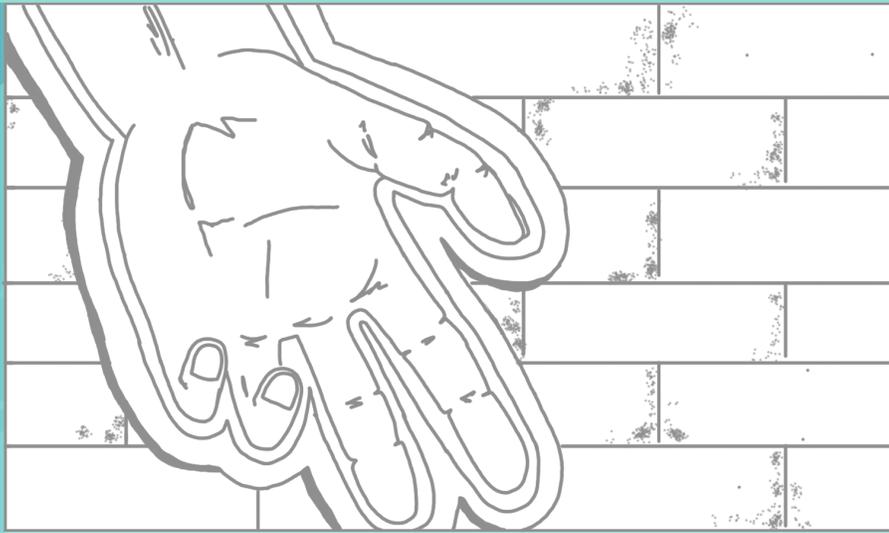
Isaiah 41:13 ESV

Have you ever spent time thinking about what your image of God is? More specifically, your image of God - our Protector and ever present help in trouble. This image, for me, has morphed over the years: my younger years showed God as my heavenly Father (Psalm 103:13). Through the desert of college years He became my Shepherd (Matthew 18:12). Once I met my husband, I started to understand God as my ultimate Bridegroom (Isaiah 62:5).

All of these images are true and accurate. They represent how we relate to our protecting, loving God. He is all things to all people. And if we have put our trust in Jesus, we need to also trust that He is here to help us in all things that go according to His will. Like a Father, Bridegroom, and Good Shepherd, there is no problem that we will encounter in this world that Jesus does not understand, have compassion for, and will gladly take our hand and walk us through it. Help is always near if you know where to look for it.

Help is Near

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Connect



Through Prayer

Is there a place in your life where you need help but have not brought it to God? No matter how big or how small, our heavenly Father is waiting for you to bring it to Him. Write the area that you need to give to God for help. As you fill in the rest of the visual prayer card here, talk to God about your needs and then thank Him for the ability to bring all to Him!

Question *What God Has to Say In the Scripture*

In the Scriptures, what theme(s) are you finding? How can you apply that in your situation?

What image of God's protection resonates with you? A Father? A Bridegroom? A Shepherd? Sit with this image awhile to understand why and how this effects you reaching out to God for help.

Create *With Confidence*

Now that you have your image of what God's protection looks like for you, bring that image to mind as we begin to create. Utilizing a pencil, start by blocking out where you want your wording to go. Then sketch in your imagery, or like the example, use a photograph and/or stickers. Finally darken your lines using your favorite pens and erase all pencil lines. As you complete your page with coloring, wash, stickers, or stamps remember to thank God for meeting you just where you are. For being just who you need Him to be.

In the inspired image, I used my child's Bible and used a photograph of their earthly father. To them, their daddy protects them from everything - so the image of God the Father it a strong one for them. Under the photograph is a message to them - to know that their Heavenly Father loves them even more than their daddy does.



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