EVEN MORE BOUNDLESS

Unit 4

This activity works well as a follow up to the Luke 1:26-38 passage and processing of the Session One warm-up post-its (p. 66), or use it however you like!

Artistic Engagement

art is a connector and a healer

Explore Art – Boundless Invitation - Murals

Learn about Bianca Janine Pettis' **mural**. This collaborative artwork adorns the wall of a homeless shelter with a diversity of faces and a choir of voices singing the words that matter to all of us. You can even visit the mural while in Minnapeolis at the Harbor Light Center.

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Make Art – Boundless Invitation – Word Art Graphics

Create an impressive work of art using the words that inspire you and an online algorithm that applies the word cloud method to any shape.

Supplies Needed: paper or post-its, writing utensil, computer

Instructions:
We recommend that you complete these steps as a group and then allow individuals to try.
1. Brainstorm a list of words that you'd like to use for the artwork. You could use the words you wrote down during the Session One Warm-up. You can even use a text straight out of scripture (the outstretched hand pictured below is the complete text of Luke 1:26-38). You can repeat words more than once. Like a word cloud, the more a word is repeated, the larger it will appear in your final work of art.
2. Go to wordart.com (or head to your preferred word art tool). You do not need to create an account unless you want to save your artwork within the program or use paid features.
3. Type or copy and paste your list of words by clicking on "Import" under the "Words" tab.
4. From the "Shape" tab, select a shape you'd like your artwork to take the form of. You can either select from the provided list of shapes or upload your own. The shape can be in full color or depicted in a single solid color.
5. Click the red "Visualize" button and watch as the algorithm creates your graphic. There are lots of features to play around with that tweak the image. Experiment and have fun.
6. Click "Download" to get a standard version of your image to keep or use a paid account to get a high definition image or graphic design vector.

What does Word Art have to do with Boundless Invitation?

The crazy thing about Gabriel's conversation with Mary is that it's also a conversation with all of humanity. Actually, the crazy part is probably the fact that a cosmically powerful celestial being of shimmering light suddenly appeared to an impoverished and oppressed girl in a dingy room in a tiny village of a conquered kingdom. That Mary takes this whole situation in stride is testament to her incredible faith and personal fortitude. Anyways, Gabriel speaks to Mary and to the countless other people throughout the ages who are bound to hear this story.

Gabriel's words are for all of us. Take a look at the outstretched hand word art and you'll probably notice the mashup of earthly things and heavenly things. Earth is being invited into the heavenly story. We are all invited into the heavenly story. How awesome!?!?

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