

Picturing the Lord

The Lord has many different names to help us remember all of the wonderful things that He does for us. Let's see if we can make pictures of the Lord that will illustrate some of these names.

Visualizing the Lord

First, I want you to try closing your eyes and picturing the Lord as I say different names:

Father *Shepherd* *Creator* *Teacher* *King* *Healer*

Did you picture the Lord differently when you thought of His different names?

If we were to make a picture of the Lord as our Creator, what might you put in your picture? (If the children don't volunteer ideas, suggest adding something He created such as the earth, the sun, or people.) Any ideas of how you could show the Lord as a Teacher? (If the children need ideas, you could suggest picturing Jesus teaching people long ago.)

Project Idea

Your project today is to choose one of the Lord's names (Father, Shepherd, Creator, Teacher, King, or Healer) and then make a picture to illustrate it. (Show the children a list of the names—writing them on the blackboard or showing them a poster on which you've already written them—to help them focus on which one they would like to illustrate.)

Materials

white or yellow thick paper such as cover stock or construction paper (for the picture of the Lord)
coverstock or construction paper for the background
crayons, oil pastels, colored pencils, *etc.* (choose whatever art media you wish or let the children choose)
scissors and glue
optional: glitter, gold metallic markers, *etc.*

Procedure

1. Use crayons, oil pastels, or colored pencils to make a picture of the Lord on heavy paper (cover stock or a light color of construction paper). Carefully cut out the picture of the Lord.
2. Select another piece of coverstock or construction paper as a background for your picture. Write the name of the Lord which you are illustrating at the top of the page.
3. Place the picture of the Lord on the background paper, but don't glue it down yet.
4. Think about what you could add to your picture to illustrate this special name for the Lord such as a little child, a lamb, or a person being healed by the Lord's touch—depending on the name you have chosen. Make any additional figures needed for your picture, cut out, and place on the background paper. Then glue down the figure of the Lord and any additional figures.
5. If desired, add glitter, gold metallic markers, or other special touches to your picture of the Lord.
6. Display all of the pictures on a bulletin board with title: Names of the Lord Help Us Appreciate All That He Does for Us.
7. *Optional:* Before sending the pictures home with the students, you could scan the pictures and make a classroom book or a book for each child.