

The artists in this exhibition were not just great painters, they were also wonderful storytellers! Each picture is filled with fascinating details about historical figures from the Bible. So, let's use our best observation skills to see what we can discover from these timeless treasures. If you get stuck, don't be afraid to ask for help!

> To begin, find the paintings identified with kips starting in Section 1: In the Beginning..

FOR KIDS K5-8TH GRADE



Joseph Interpreting the Dreams of Pharaoh's Butler and Baker, Gerbrand van den Eeckhout

This is a scene from the patriarch Joseph's life. While still in his teens, Joseph is falsely accused of a crime and ends up in prison. Even in this unjust situation, he trusts in God. As a result, he wins the favor of the chief jailer who places all of the prisoners under his care. Look carefully at Joseph (the standing figure).

1. Write down at least one detail the artist includes to show us that Joseph has been put in charge of the prisoners.

Going Beyond: Visit https://museumandgallery.org/joseph-the-favored-son/ to view a video story of Joseph.



King David Playing the Harp, Simon Vouet

Visual textures are textures that we see with our eyes rather than feel with our hands. For example, in King David Playing the Harp the artist uses faint lines on David's forehead to make his skin look wrinkled, so we know he is older.

2. Circle any other textures you can see in this picture.

rough

furry

soft

hard

bumpy

wispy

fluffy

3. Which object or detail looks most realistic to you?



Christ Disputing with the Elders, Rutilio di Lorenzo Manetti (attributed to)

Christ Disputing with the Elders depicts the only event of Jesus' youth recorded in Scripture. He got separated from His parents, but they found Him in the temple sitting with the teachers listening and discussing the scriptures. Look closely at these elders' poses, faces, and gestures.

4. Place each elder's number next to the word you think best describes his attitude toward Christ.

Thinking _____ Searching

Reverent Attentive





St. Peter Denying Christ, Christoph Paudiss and The Repentant St. Peter, Carlo Dolci

Painted by two different artists, both of these paintings relate to Peter's denial of Christ. Each artist is telling a different part of Peter's denial. A Venn diagram like the one below can help us think about and record how objects (like the two paintings of Peter) are alike and different.

For example, in both portraits Peter has gray hair and a scruffy beard, so we can record that "likeness" in the overlapping part of the circles. But in Paudiss's painting the beard and hair are long; in Dolci's portrait they are short. So, we record these "differences" in each painter's circle.

Using the diagram and questions, record what you see in the appropriate circle:

- 5. Are there any colors that are the same or different?
- 6. Is Peter's facial expression the same in both paintings? If not, describe and record the differences.
- 7. Notice Peter's hands in each portrait. What is alike? What is different.
- 8. Based on your close observation, which of the two portraits is your favorite? Circle that artist's name.



8. Answers will vary.

7. In both Peter's we see sorrow for sin.

Peter is worshipful, hands folded and face looking up toward God's light.

6. Paudiss's Peter is afraid, attempting to shield himself from the light; Dolci's

5. Both wear golden cloaks and have scruffy beards and hair.

4. #1 reverent, #2 attentive, #3 searching, #4 thinking

5. Answers will vary.

2. Answers will vary.

J. Keys on his belt, no shackles, open door behind him

Answer Key

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