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QUICKSTART

Guide to

Bible Art Journaling

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QuickStart Guide to BIBLE ART JOURNALING

Hey, you!

I am so excited for you! You are right on the brink of something life-changing. A creative and rejuvenating method of interacting with the word of God. Spending time in His presence and letting Him transform us is the goal of Bible art journaling.

This guide is designed to help you get from interested in Bible art Journaling to actually doing it! You don't have to wait for the perfect Bible or supplies. You can start today - right now!

Take a look at the Quick Start Guide and then put pencil to paper with the interactive worksheets included in this guide. None of the benefits of this revolutionary devotional method are available to you until you stop learning about Bible art journaling and actually start doing.

It is time to take action and I believe you can do it and can see an even more vibrant and joyful relationship with your Savior than you currently experience!

Let's get to creating!
God Bless You,

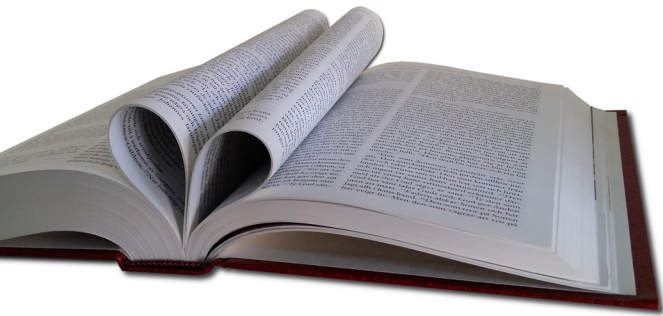


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PICK A BIBLE VERSE

Simply choose a Bible verse or passage (from a sermon, devotional, or just one you like)

Pro Tip: Don't choose your all-time favorite verse for your very first entry!

PRAY

Ask God to guide your time journaling and reveal what He wants you to get from the passage.

Pro Tip: As you are praying and reading, note what words or phrases stand out to you.



PRACTICE

Get out a piece of scrap paper and play around with sketching the picture in your mind, or creating word art with a word from the verse. Or look online for pictures (coloring pages are easy to trace) that go with what God is showing you.

Pro Tip: After you have more experience, you may skip this step all together.

JUST DO IT!

Time to open up that Bible and create right on the page of your verse. Draw, trace, color - just have fun in God's Word! Date the page when done.

Pro Tip: Lots of people get paralyzed by the empty page - Try to set aside your perfectionism and just get started. The goal is not a perfect page, the goal is the time in the Word.

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QuickStart Guide to BIBLE ART SUPPLIES

A BIBLE

You can use any Bible you want, creating right over the text or in the margins, but many Bible art journalers like to use journaling Bibles (with more space in the margins) or the Illustrating Bible from Dayspring (a Bible specifically designed by Bible art journalers for Bible art journaling). Please see the Bible choosing guide for more help on choosing the best Bible for you.

PENCILS AND PENS

All you really need is a bible and a pencil. Seriously. You can create on your page and journal with a pencil. It is also essential for planning on the page before using other supplies so you can erase later. For pens, I like to use Sakura Pigma Micron and Faber Castell Pitt Artist pens.

INEXPENSIVE ART SUPPLIES

Colored Pencils

One of the most versatile and easy to use supplies in Bible art journaling are simple colored pencils. I “borrowed” some from my kids when I first started.

Colored pencils don’t bleed through pages and can create beautiful effects.

Watercolors

I love to work in watercolors on bible pages. Depending on the amount of water you use, they don’t always bleed through the thin Bible pages and they make the pages slightly crinkly in texture. So fun!

Acrylic Paints

Many people love to use acrylics in Bible art journaling because these paints provide bright, opaque (or semi-opaque) colors that sit on top of the page rather than bleeding through it.

ITEMS TO SPLURGE ON

Gesso

Normally I don’t care a bit about brand name, but Art Basics gesso is the first one that I have used that didn’t leave a really strange texture on the page. It provides a clear protection on the page so you can use materials that would otherwise bleed through the thin pages.

Heat Gun

My impatience makes this a necessity for me. I can dry gesso or paint quickly so that I don’t have to wait forever to create the next layer, turn the page, or close the bible.

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QuickStart Guide to CHOOSING A BIBLE

IMPORTANT POINTS ABOUT YOUR BIBLE

- What you need to get started is a bible that you are not going to freak out about if you mess up a bible art journaling entry.
- It can be an old Bible or a new one purchased specifically for Bible art.
- Choose a translation that is easy for you to understand and follow.

TYPES OF BIBLE ART JOURNALING BIBLES

Journaling Bible

These Bibles are designed for people to take notes in the expanded margins. We use the margins (approximately 2 inches in width) to create art and journal about the passage on the page. Some have two columns of text and some are single column pages. I have a double column version and wish I had gotten the single column, because I create art about a verse that is across the page from the margin sometimes.

These come in several different versions and are very portable. It is also the most affordable option, obtainable for as low as \$15-30 (or lower during a sale).

Interleaved Bible

In these Bibles, there is a blank page across from every page of text. This provides you with LOTS of space to create art and journal, so many Bible art journalers really love to create in this type. They are pretty thick because of adding so many blank pages to an already long book. The cost for an interleaved Bible is usually about \$25-50 or more.

Illustrating Bible

Illustrated Faith and Dayspring teamed up to create this dream spiral bound Bible specifically for Bible art journalers. It has very large pages, with extensive margin space. The pages are thicker so more types of materials can be used without bleed-through. The spiral binding allows this Bible to lay flat while you are creating art in it. It is the most expensive option, at \$100 retail.

Other Bible Art Journaling Options

Some Bible art journalers prefer creating in books other than their Bibles, such as old hymnals, prayerbooks, devotionals, or a simple notebook. The point of the process is to spend time in the presence of the Creator. The Bible or book does not matter as much as the time spent in the transformative Word of God.

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Pray: _____

Ideas/Words that Stand Out: _____

Practice:

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