

Telling the Next Generation:

An Art Contest

Annual Sugar Plum Craft Fair

"We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD, his power, and the wonders he has done." - Psalm 78:4

We are thrilled to invite the talented young artists from our beloved Lutheran schools to participate in our annual Christmas Art Contest. This year, our theme is taken directly from Psalm 78:4, a powerful call to share the story of God's goodness with the world.

This contest is a central part of our Sugar Plum Craft Fair, which raises funds to support and enrich the art programs for our students. We invite you to use your God-given creativity to bring this beautiful verse to life!

Theme: Illustrating God's Power and Wonders

Your challenge is to create a piece of art that visually tells the story of Psalm 78:4. How can you show what it means to "tell the next generation" about God's "praiseworthy deeds," "power," and "wonders"?

To connect your art to our craft fair's festive spirit, you may consider **including a Christmas theme or our Gingerbread Mascot** in your artwork! Imagine him as a witness to a great Bible story, a character listening to a grandparent's tale, or even as a narrator sharing God's wonders with his gingerbread friends.

Here are some ideas to inspire you:

- **Telling the Next Generation:** Show a story being passed down. Maybe a grandparent reading a Bible story to a child, or friends sharing their faith.
- **Praiseworthy Deeds & Wonders:** Illustrate a famous Bible story.
 - *Examples:* The Creation, Noah's Ark, David and Goliath, Daniel in the Lions' Den, the Christmas Story (Nativity), Jesus feeding the 5,000, or the Resurrection.
- **His Power:** Depict the power of God in nature or through miracles.
 - *Examples:* The parting of the Red Sea, the storm on the Sea of Galilee, or the beauty and grandeur of a mountain, ocean, or starry night.

Who Can Enter?

The contest is open to all students in Kindergarten through 8th grade. Entries will be judged in the following divisions:

- **Division 1:** Kindergarten - 2nd Grade
- **Division 2:** 3rd Grade - 5th Grade

- **Division 3:** 6th Grade - 8th Grade

Art Categories

You can submit one piece of original artwork in any of the following categories:

- **Drawing & Painting:** Crayons, markers, colored pencils, pastels, watercolor, acrylics, etc.
- **3D Sculpture/Mixed Media:** Clay, paper mâché, recycled materials, dioramas, etc. Get creative with your materials!

Submission Guidelines

1. **Artwork Size:** 2D artwork should be no larger than 12" x 18". 3D artwork should be no larger than 12" x 12" x 12".
2. **Labeling:** Please securely attach a label to the back of your artwork with the following information printed clearly:
 - Student's Full Name
 - Grade Level
 - School Name
 - Teacher's Name
3. **Submission Deadline:** All entries must be received by **Friday, October 17th, 2025**.
4. **How to Submit:** Please deliver artwork to **the front office of our school**.

Judging & Awards

Our panel of judges will be looking for:

- **Interpretation of the Theme:** How creatively and clearly does your artwork express the message of Psalm 78:4?
- **Originality:** How unique is your artistic vision?
- **Craftsmanship:** The skill and care you put into your work.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each division, and with a goodie bag. Winning artwork will be proudly displayed in a special gallery at the Sugar Plum Craft Fair on **Saturday, October 27th, 2025!**

Artwork at the Fair

All submitted artwork will be displayed at the craft fair.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact **Mr. Joseph Taylor the Art teacher** at jtaylor@lhsi.org.

We pray this theme inspires you and we cannot wait to see the wonders you create!