

**WEEK FOUR  
YOUTH DEVOTIONAL  
ART EXPRESSION**

When I was a child, I colored like a child, I painted like a child, I wrote like a child. But as I became older, I put these child-like things away. "In a day when most of us are tired, worn out, thirsty, and starving for life and joy and peace, maybe it is time to become a child again."<sup>1</sup> It's time to discard childish faith and embrace childlike wonder.

This week we will examine our journey into maturity by creatively expressing yourselves in three perspectives. You will create three images (Draw, color, paint, sculpt, write, rhyme) of you coming to Jesus as a child, a teenager, and an adult. It would be best to do this over a course of three days.

**CHILD EXPRESSION:** In your **first expression**, create yourself as a young child coming to Jesus. Put yourself in the mind of a child, have fun creating your first expression.

**ADOLESCENT EXPRESSION:** For the **second expression** Image yourself now coming to Jesus. Create yourself coming to Jesus. How does who you have become change what you create?

**ADULT EXPRESSION:** In the **third expression** imagine who you hope to become as an adult. See yourself coming to Jesus and create that. How do your hopes for the future shape your connection with Jesus?

**COMPARE:** Examine your three creative expressions. How are they similar, and how are they different? How have they evolved? How does that compare to your relationship to God?

**SHARE:** Consider sharing these with your SPY family and your online community.

**Continue to Grow by** Dave Reiss

I was like a newborn baby; my heart was proud and my eyes haughty  
I craved pure spiritual milk of salvation, crying out for nourishment  
I was a child. I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child.  
But I needed to grow, I needed solid food.  
My soul was weaned, and I put aside childish things.  
I am learning to calm and quiet my soul, to place my hope in Him.  
I see only a small part, a dim reflection, but I continue to grow.  
I do not get involved with things too great or wondrous  
I don't know fully, but in him, I am fully known.  
I will put my hope in the Lord,  
for in him there is faithful love and redemption in abundance.  
Trust in Him, o my soul, continue to grow, both now and forever.

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<sup>1</sup> Yaconelli, Michael. Dangerous Wonder.