



Chapman University, Orange, California
January 24 to 27, 2008
A Request for Children's Art

What would the world look like if people let God's Spirit guide their lives?

The planners of *"Exploring Life Through the Spirit"* want to make sure the voices of children and youth are heard. Therefore, children and youth are invited to submit works of art that show what they believe the world would look like if people did indeed let the Spirit of God guide the living of their lives.

The art may be the effort of a group, such as a church school class, or the work of one individual. It may take any form—drawings, paintings, posters, fabric art (maybe a tee-shirt design), collages, banners, sculptures, poems, songs, short stories, photographs, dances, plays. All art will be displayed at the conference and some will be published on the Web following the conference. If they are inspired to do a large sculpture that can't be mailed, simply send us a picture of the creation. If they create a dance, or write a play or song, send a DVD of the production.

Please include the name of the group or individual and contact information for each submission.

Art creations may be brought to the conference or sent ahead of time to the Chaplain's Office at Chapman University, One University Drive, Orange California, 92866. Children and youth are encouraged to submit their art creations, even if no one from your congregation is able to attend the conference. A flyer to use with children and youth is included.

Seven Steps to help children and youth in the creative process:

1. Read aloud and have these words written on a flip chart or blackboard:

"What would the world look like if people let God's Spirit guide their lives?"

2. Read aloud Galatians 5:22:

"... the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control."

3. Give the children and youth some time to reflect silently on the scripture.

4. Lead a discussion of the scripture.

5. Have a short prayer reminding the children and youth that God is present at all times and in all places and can guide them in all they do.

6. Before children and youth begin their art, encourage them to spend a little more time in quiet, letting God inspire them through their imaginations.

7. Help them obtain the materials they need and let them create!