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# COLOR YOUR JOURNEY: *PATHWAYS OF FAITH*

A drawing can be a powerful tool. Jesus draws in the dirt, teaching a difficult and humbling lesson to a group of people who are about to stone one of their own to death. Scripture tells us he draws a picture, or a word, or something in the sand, and a woman who has been marked for death is allowed to live. Jesus understands the power we have in our hands, the power of what we create and share.

Long before many of us ever picked up a pen or tapped a keyboard to write down what we were feeling or thinking, we picked up crayons to express ourselves. Somewhere along the way, we stopped coloring, intent on more grown-up ways of communicating with the world. *Pathways of Faith* invites people of all ages to re-enter that creative and colorful space while at the same time engaging your faith.

The original illustrations by artist Roger Speer are inspired by some of the best-loved stories in the Bible. You might use this coloring book as a companion to *The Path: A Journey through the Bible*. *The Path* is the story of the Bible from creation to revelation, excerpted from the New Revised Standard Version and presented in an accessible, easy-to-read format. If there are children in your life, you might read and color together with *The Path: Family Storybook*.

Using your favorite set of colored pencils, make the pictures you find in *Pathways* your own. Color in the lines or outside them. Use traditional colors—or unexpected ones. Use the perforated edges to tear out your creation and hang it on a wall or tuck the book away in a drawer for safekeeping. Whatever way you decide to color and preserve your pictures is the right way. Our prayer is that, as you fill in these pages, your faith in the goodness and greatness of God will increase and that you will find refreshment and rest in this book.



Take a picture of your coloring page and share on Facebook or Twitter with **#PathwaysOfFaith**



### **GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light."

Genesis 1:1-3





GOD SAW THAT IT WAS GOOD 🌿 Genesis 1:1-3



### **THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT**

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations. I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth."

Genesis 9:12-13



THE SIGN OF THE COVENANT 🌈 Genesis 9:12-13





## **JOSEPH HAD A DREAM**

Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go,  
and will bring you back to this land; for I will not  
leave you until I have done what I have promised you.

Genesis 28:15

# WAYS TO USE *PATHWAYS OF FAITH*

Begin on any page you like—whichever picture you want to color first is the exact right place to start. We recommend that you use colored pencils for optimal results.

Consider using this book in tandem with your daily devotional habits. The illustrations correspond to the chapters of *The Path: A Journey through the Bible* and *The Path: Family Storybook*, and the scripture passages on the left-hand side of the page illuminate each illustration. *Pathways of Faith* also can be a wonderful companion to the daily devotionals of *Forward Day by Day*, *Saint Augustine's Prayer Book*, or any other resource you may use to focus your time with God. You might set aside five minutes of “coloring time” before or after your reading and prayer time.

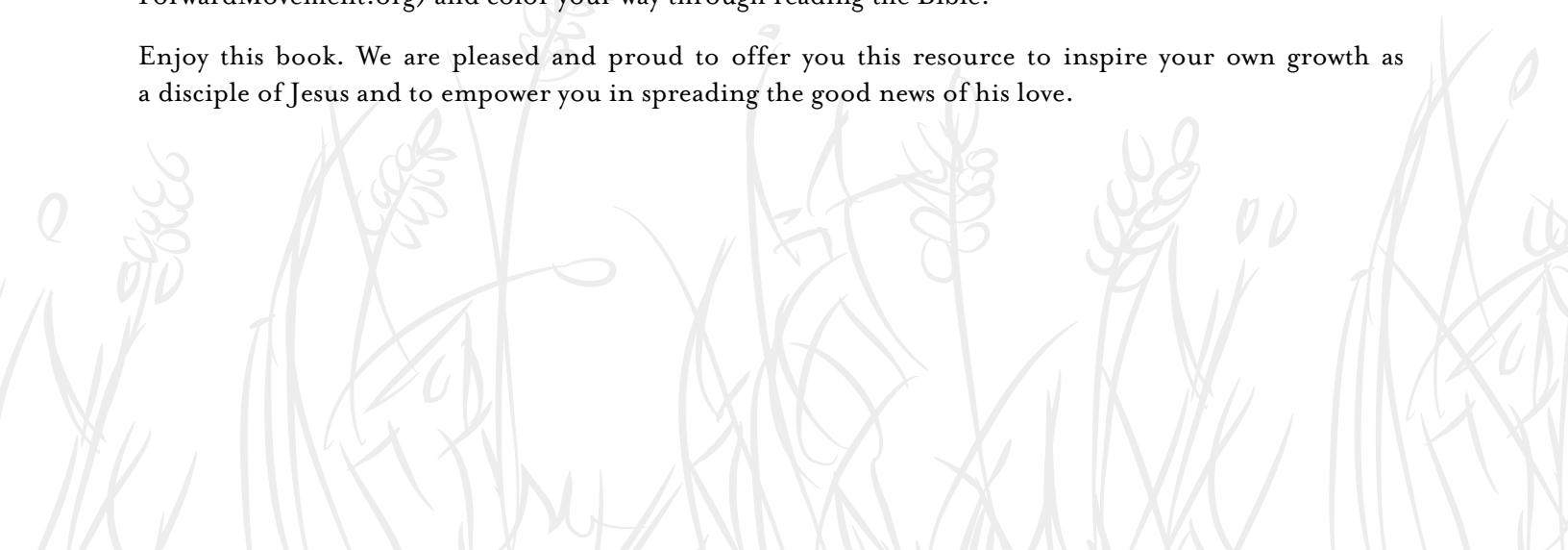
Take *Pathways of Faith* with you during the day, in your backpack, diaper bag, shoulder bag, briefcase, or purse. Don't forget your pencils! Reward yourself during a coffee or lunch break with some coloring; share a picture with a coworker across the table or cubicle wall.

Make one of your book club nights a coloring night. Or start a new book club that is for coloring. It can be a wonderfully relaxing way to spend time with friends and make new ones!

If you really like one of your pictures, share it with us on Facebook or Twitter by tagging it with **#PathwaysOfFaith**. With perforated edges, the pictures are easy to pull out and frame for posterity, tack on your fridge, or give to your mom to put up on hers.

If you want to see how the artist created and painted the illustrations, they are available in full color in *The Path: Family Storybook*. You may want to pick up a copy of *The Path* or the *Family Storybook* (available at [www.ForwardMovement.org](http://www.ForwardMovement.org)) and color your way through reading the Bible.

Enjoy this book. We are pleased and proud to offer you this resource to inspire your own growth as a disciple of Jesus and to empower you in spreading the good news of his love.



## ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR

Roger Speer is a lifelong servant of the Episcopal Church. He has served with mission, congregational, diocesan, national, and international formation initiatives during an exciting tenure as a youth minister. At heart, Roger is an artist and craftsman. He holds degrees in art education and graphic design, as well as various training certifications that he uses to produce new ways to express the gospel with as much innovation as possible. He is husband to Fran and father to Fynn.

## ABOUT FORWARD MOVEMENT

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We are delighted to be doing this work and invite your prayers and support.



A COLORING BOOK FOR ALL AGES—but especially for adults who may have forgotten the simple joys of creating—*Pathways of Faith* offers a respite from busyness and daily demands. Relax and restore as you spend time coloring these original illustrations that capture the amazing stories of the Bible and God's love for us. Come and spend some creative, refreshing time with God. The Lord knows we need it!



More resources for the journey at  
[ForwardMovement.org](http://ForwardMovement.org)

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