

MAKING AN ILLUMINATED TEXT

an activity book made by KPB Stevens

Luke 1:5-25

THIS IS AN
ILLUMINATED
TEXT.

REALLY, IT'S
JUST A BUNCH
OF DOODLES
AROUND A
BIBLE STORY.

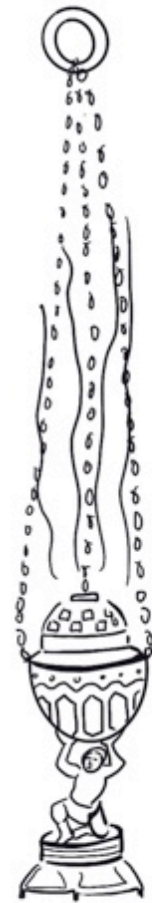
BUT THOSE
DOODLES
HELP TELL THE
STORY.

THEY'RE FUN
TO MAKE, AND
YOU CAN
MAKE ONE,
TOO.



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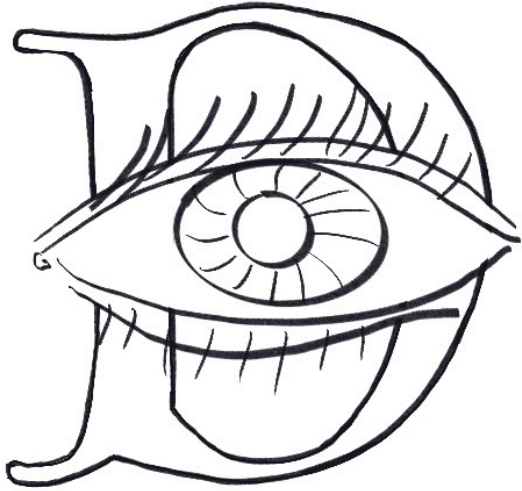


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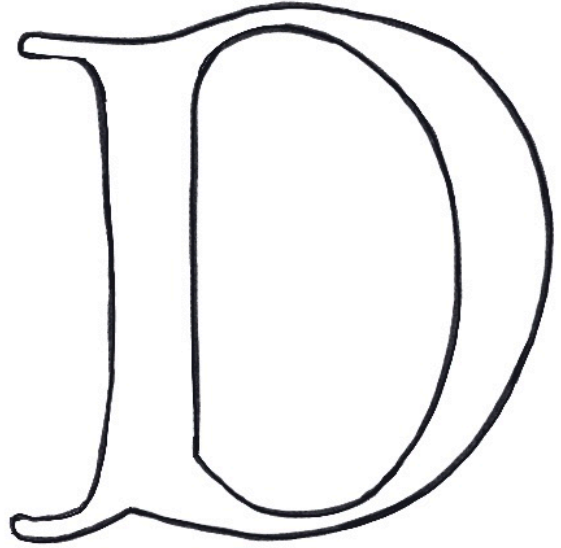
Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah, and they wondered why he was in the sanctuary for such a long time. When he came out, he was unable to speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he gestured to them and couldn't speak. When he completed the days of his priestly service, he returned home. Afterward, his wife Elizabeth became pregnant. She kept to herself for five months, saying, "This is the Lord's doing. He has shown his favor to me by removing my disgrace among other people."



YOU'LL NOTICE THAT ILLUMINATED TEXTS USE BIG LETTERS TO START THE STORY. HERE'S MINE:



AND HERE'S ONE FOR YOU TO DECORATE:



I DREW AN ANGEL IN THE UPPER RIGHT. IN THE BIBLE, ANGELS DON'T REALLY LOOK LIKE PEOPLE. THEY LOOK REALLY WEIRD. SOMETIMES THEY'RE DESCRIBED AS HAVING A LOT OF EYES, AND IN A GREAT HYMN THEY'RE DESCRIBED AS HAVING "SLEEPLESS EYES." SO I DREW MY ANGEL THAT WAY. WHAT DO YOU THINK AN ANGEL LOOKS LIKE?

EYES AND WINGS MADE ME THINK OF PEACOCKS, SO I DECORATED THE RIGHT HAND MARGIN WITH PEACOCK FEATHERS. HERE'S HOW I DREW THEM.

1. DRAW A SHAPE THAT LOOKS LIKE MACARONI.



4. SURROUND IT WITH A SQUIGGLY, FLAMEY SHAPE.



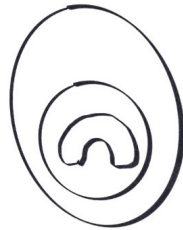
2. DRAW A CIRCLE AROUND IT.



5. DRAW A STRAIGHT LINE DOWN FROM THE OVAL AND A BUNCH OF THIN STRAIGHT LINES OFF OF IT TO BE THE FEATHERS.



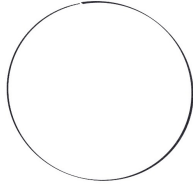
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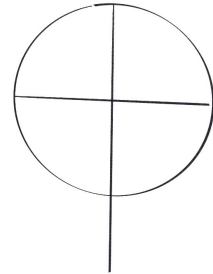
DRAW YOUR OWN PEACOCK FEATHER HERE:

I DIDN'T DRAW ZECHARIAH, BUT I THINK IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN FUN IF I HAD. I THINK HE MUST HAVE LOOKED REALLY SURPRISED WHEN THE ANGEL TALKED TO HIM. HERE'S HOW YOU DRAW A SURPRISED FACE:

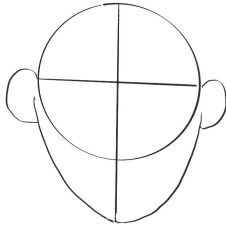
1. FIRST, LET'S MAKE SOME GUIDELINES. START BY DRAWING A CIRCLE.



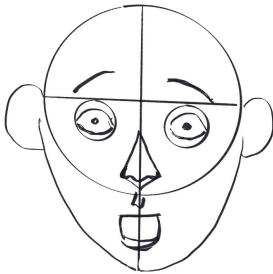
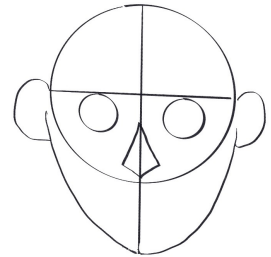
2. THEN DRAW A CROSS IN THE MIDDLE OF IT.



3. NEXT, YOU'LL DRAW TWO OVALS FOR EARS AND HALF AN OVAL FOR THE JAW LINE.

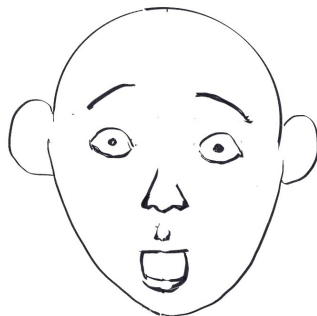


4. DRAW TWO CIRCLES FOR THE EYES AND A DIAMOND SHAPE FOR THE NOSE.



5. NOW DRAW THE EYES IN THE CIRCLES. SURPRISED EYES ARE WIDE, AND THE PUPILS SIT IN THE MIDDLE OF THEM. THEN ADD SOME NOSTRILS ON THE NOSE, A PHILTRUM UNDER IT, AND A WIDE MOUTH WITH A STRAIGHT TOP LIP AND A CURVED LOWER LIP.

6. NOW ERASE THE GUIDELINES.



7. AND ADD DETAILS LIKE HAIR AND BEARD.



ON THE NEXT PAGE I'LL GIVE YOU THE WORDS OF THE STORY SO THAT YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN ILLUMINATION.

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