

Lent Reflection on Art – Week 4

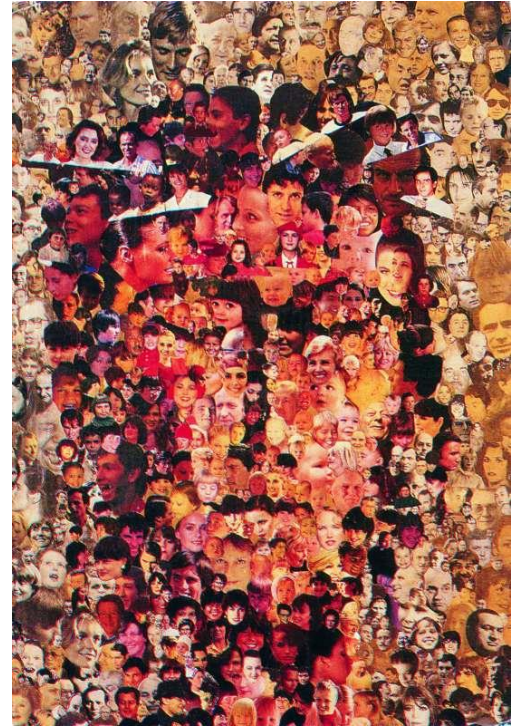
'Je Cherche Ton Visage.' (*I search for your face*)

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Teacher Notes

Christians often take time during Lent to go deeper with God, perhaps by meditating on a picture like this. This composite picture is made up of more than 400 faces. The artist is unknown, but the picture is in the Israel Museum and is the gift of Gerard Levy. The artist suggests that we can see the face of Jesus in the faces of other people. The Catholic poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote that 'Christ plays in ten thousand places... through the features of men's faces' ([As Kingfishers Catch Fire](#)) expressing the Christian belief that everyone is made in God's image and that we can see God in everyday things and in the faces of those around us. If that is true, what implications does it have for the way we treat others?

This reflection invites children to consider the idea that God can be found in everyone. The song 'Give a little love' by Noah and the whale tells us that 'If you give a little love, you can get a little love of your own,' encouraging us to show practical love to those around us.



Explain to the children:

Slide 1:

Look carefully at the picture. How many faces can you see? (There are more than 400)

If you gave the image a title, what would it be? Why?

What do you think 'I search for your face' means?

How would you feel if your face was in the picture?

Slide 2:

Do you agree that we can see God in other people? What does this mean? What difference would this make to the way we treat other people?

Slide 3:

Play the song '[Give a Little Love](#)' by Noah and the Whale.

Slide 4:

What do you think they mean by the line 'If you give a little love, you can get a little love of your own?'

What could we do to 'give a little love' to people around us?

Do you remember the quote from Mother Teresa? 'We can't all do great things, but we can all do small things with great love.'

Talk about some of the small things you could do for people in your family, in your school, in your community.

Closing prayer**Slide 5:**

For our final prayer, you might like to close your eyes or look at the picture of 'Christ in a thousand faces.'

If you'd like to make it your prayer, you can say amen at the end.

Dear God,

Thank you that you live in each one of us.

Help us to see you in other people.

Help us to give a little love to those around us.

Amen.