

Examples from Spirited Arts Competition 2019



Ira, age 11.

My artwork depicts my agnostic beliefs regarding God. I am an agnostic who is a person who is not sure if God exists and does not know for sure if God does not exist. I am not so sure where God resides, and if God created the universe, but the important thing is that we must respect all the perspectives about God. So, my artwork represents Hindu God on one side (my family is Hindu), and the Big Bang (Scientific theory) on the other.

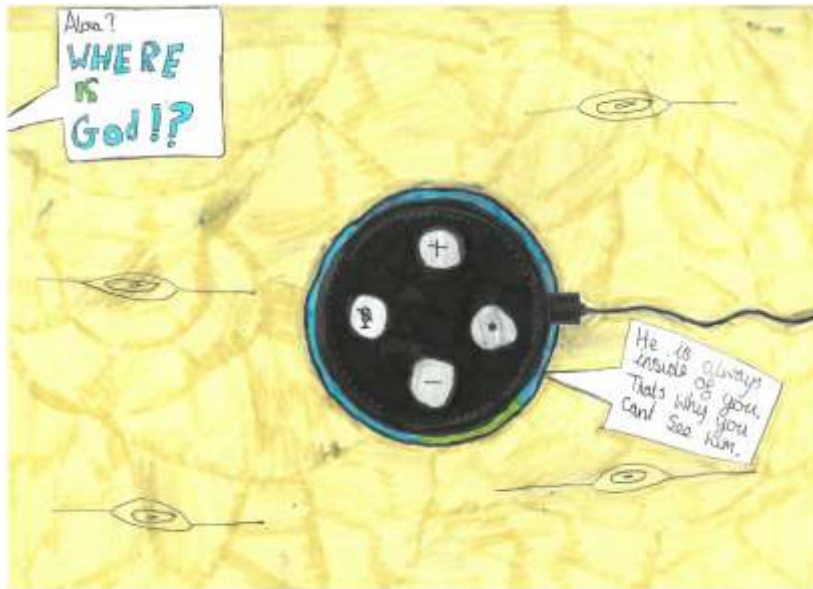
The God on the right side is Lord Ganpati (the-elephant-headed -God in Hindu Mythology) who removes all obstacles. I have drawn Ganesha free handed and inside Ganesha are some patterns that are also used in the borders I drew. I have followed the painting techniques of a form of ancient folk art called Mahbubani style, that originated in Bihar (India). I have also used warm colours to do the background of Ganesha with a combination yellow with orange then going to red. These are auspicious colours for Hindus. My family follows the Hindu religion, so that is why I drew Lord Ganesha.

The Big Bang painting is from my imagination. I painted it from what I think happened during the Big Bang. I failed at least 3 times to make it look the way it looks now. I just had to keep trying to get the right feel. The Big Bang that I painted was a contrast off white red, silver, gold, and blue. I used normal paints and different kinds of brushes. The first layer I did was a blue/dark blue layer then a white dot in the middle then the colours in the outside. This took time, and a lot of my school lessons time to finish and everyone kept gathering around me to see the progress. The Big Bang had many different kinds of pictures, so I chose one and made it my own.



Niyati, aged 10.

I feel that God is everywhere that's why I have drawn rivers, mountains, greens, the moon and sun and the most important part is he is in my heart and he supports everyone in the world. The colours represent calm and peace around God and that he makes peace in the world.



Patrick, age 10.

I ask my Alexa every day the different questions I have. I was inspired to ask Alexa the question that lots of us ask: Where is God? She replied with, he is always inside you, that's why you can't see him. That made me think, how will we know we've found him? Will he find every one of us? Will Alexa ever know the answer? I think some things are beyond technology!



Thomas, age 11.

I've been investigating people's views on where God is and have found that most people think He is in space, so I base my idea on that. Although you may just see an astronomer looking at space, there is much more to it. The sky represents a person. The purple is the bad things and the stars are the good things shining through to overcome everything bad. They also represent loved ones we have lost, helping to guide us to God. The dome surrounding the man represents inner strength because it is protecting him from the bad things in the world. The astronomer is not studying the stars, but searching for God, 'I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go' Genesis 28:15.

GOD IS A
GARDENER



Will, age 10.

Your life is like a rose. God is like a gardener. As he nurtures you and looks after you, you become stronger and more beautiful. Keep on reaching for the sky. Without the gardener there would be no flower, and without God, there would be no life or purpose. Believe.