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Learn to Draw

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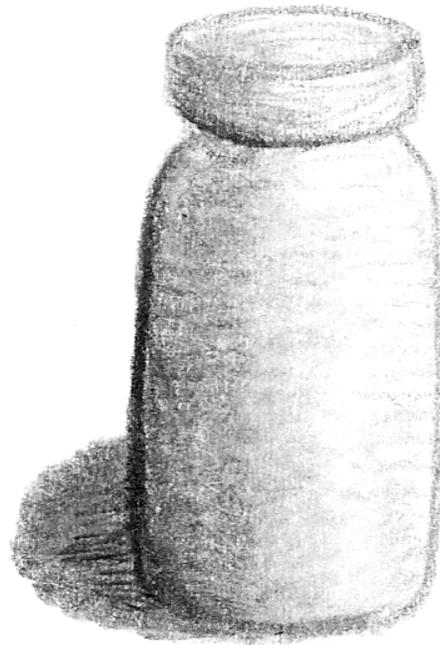
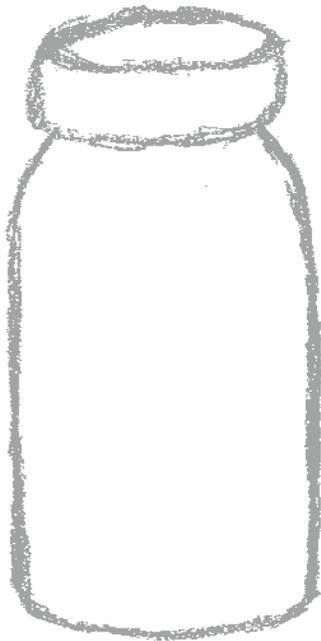
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Shading

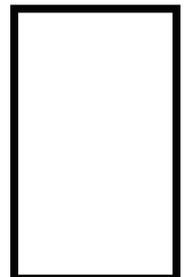
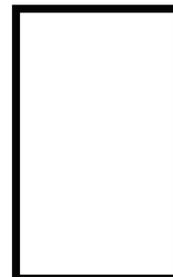
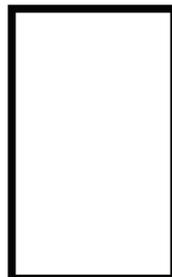
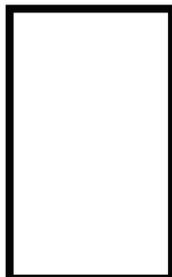
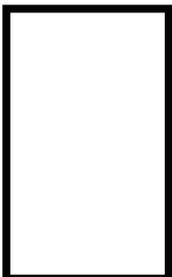
The Lord is your keeper;
The Lord is your shade on your right hand.
Psalm 121:5

Shading will help bring your drawings to life and make them look more real. When a drawing is shaded, the viewer can look at it and know where the source of light is coming from by seeing how the drawing is shaded.

Look at the two bottles below. One looks like a simple drawing and the other looks like a real bottle that you could pick up, take the lid off of, and see what's inside! The drawing on the right looked like the drawing on the left until a few more pencil marks and a little more time brought it to life.



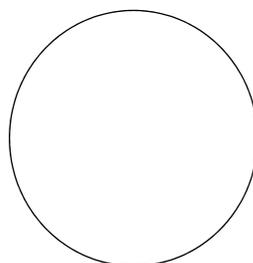
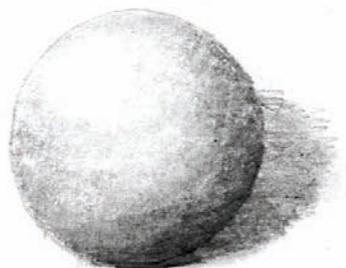
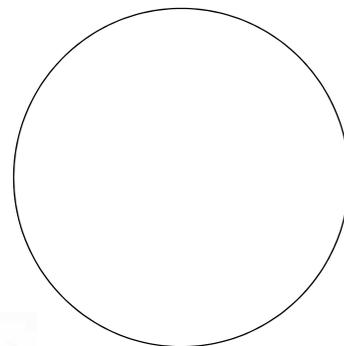
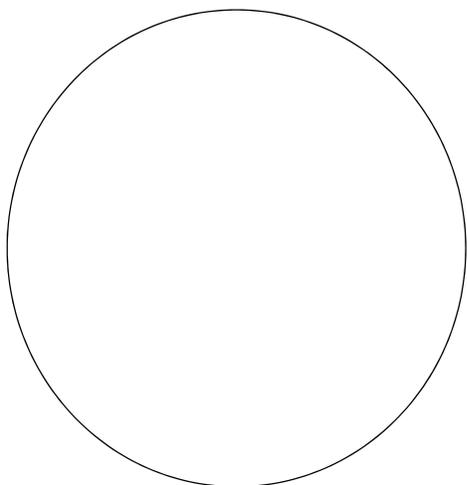
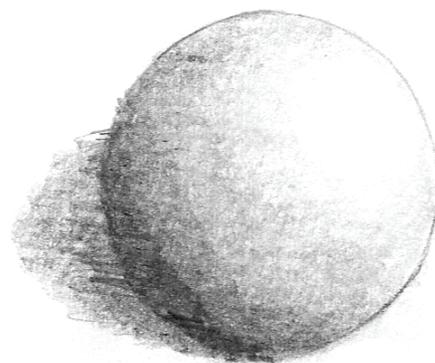
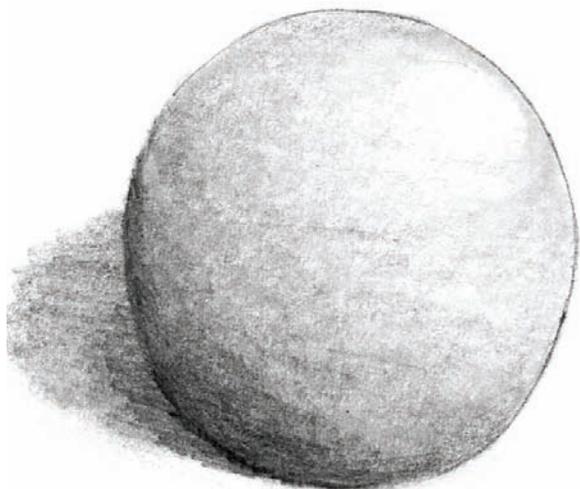
Shade each of the boxes below. Begin with the box on the left and shade it as lightly as you can. Gradually get darker as you shade the other boxes. The box on the right should be shaded very darkly. (You can start on the right if you are left handed.) Be sure you have your thick paper or cardboard behind this page so that the pressure of your pencil doesn't make marks on the pages that follow.



Lesson 8

Study the shaded spheres below. Notice the light spot and the darkly shaded area on each one. Look at the shadows underneath and behind each of the spheres.

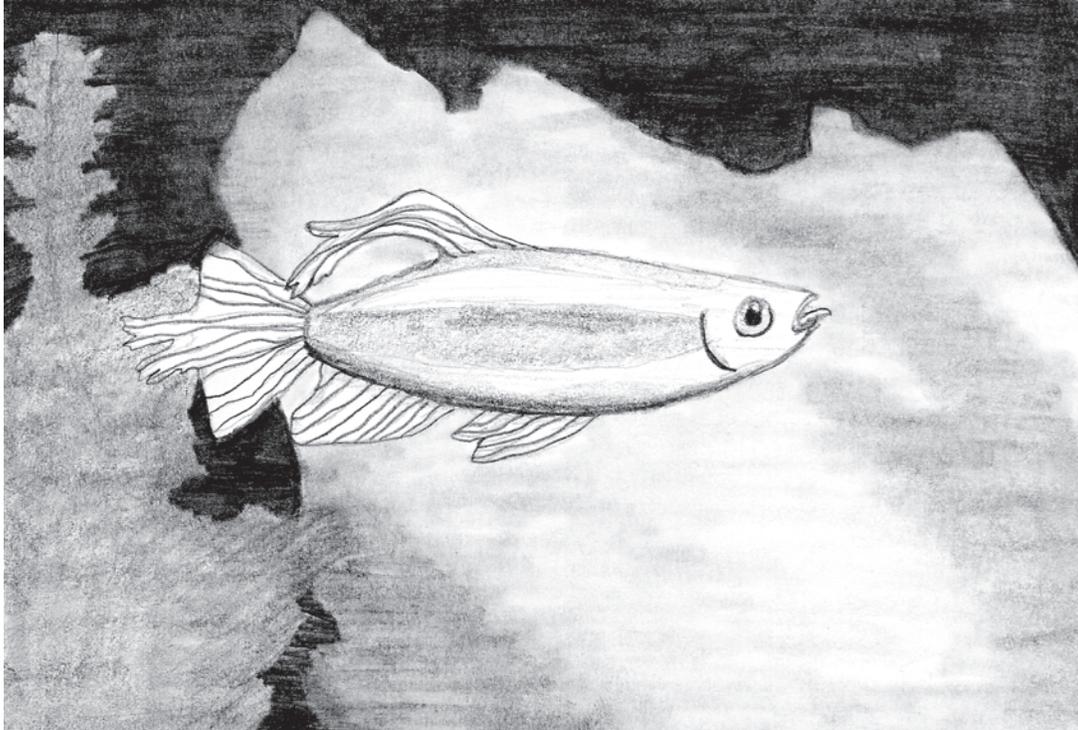
Practice shading the three plain circles below. Take your time. Use the side of your pencil so that the individual strokes will not stand out. Use your blending stump to smooth your pencil strokes. Begin with the lighter areas and then gradually darken the more shaded areas. Be sure that you don't lose your light spots. Don't forget to keep a good attitude and draw for the glory of God!



Fish

Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee,
He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew
his brother, casting a net into the sea;
for they were fishermen.

Matthew 4:18

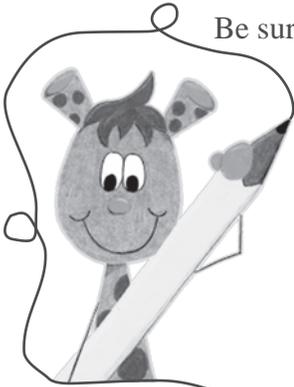


This is a drawing of a fish I saw in a pet store one day. Isn't God's design for the fish amazing? Imagine being able to live under water! Blub. Blub. Blub.

Zooki's Pencil Points

There are shadows under water, too! Notice how the underside of the fish is darker than the top, just like the pencil you drew in the previous lesson.

Be sure to leave a white spot in the fish's eye. This makes him look more alive.



Use the side of your pencil and your blending stump to create the two lighter shades of the background. You will need to use the point of your pencil to color the darkest part of the background.

Make sure your pencil is nice and sharp when you draw the lines on the fish's fins. Hey, that's fun to say. Can you say "fish's fins" ten times fast?

