Michelangelo

Born: March 6, 1475, in Caprese, Italy
Died: February 18, 1564
Full name: Michelangelo Lodovico Buonarroti Simoni

Michelangelo was an Italian painter, sculptor, architect, poet, and engineer. Much of his artwork has a Biblical theme. He did most of his work during the High Renaissance Era (1475-1525). Some of Michelangelo’s best-known sculptures are the statues David (1504) and Pietà (1492). Michelangelo also painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel and helped design St. Peter’s Church in Rome, Italy.

Art Project: Place a chair in the middle of the floor. Tape a piece of art paper underneath the seat of the chair. Have your artist lay down on the floor and slide under the chair, facing up. Place a tray next to your artist with markers, pencils, crayons, or paintbrushes and a palate of paints. Have them create a masterpiece while lying down, just like Michelangelo did while painting the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel! (If they are using paints, be sure to protect their eyes in case they get too much on their brush and it drips.)

A little something extra: Suggest their masterpiece have a Biblical theme.

Library Aids:
Title: Michelangelo: The Artist, The Man, and His Times. Author: William E. Wallace ©2010
Title: Michelangelo and the Sistine Chapel Author: Andrew Graham-Dixon ©2009
Title: Michelangelo (JUV) Author: Phyllis Raybin-Emert ©2012

Scene from Genesis on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel