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Question: Can a teenager be used by God?

It was Monday morning, and the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) team's final meeting was scheduled for Thursday. The written pages were ready, but the illustrations to go with each session were only sketches on scraps of paper. Saturday had been spent trying out a graphic drawing tablet, and discovering that it takes at least two weeks of practice to acquire the necessary skills to use it!

Now, with only two days remaining, help from an expert was urgently needed. As I shared this problem with three friends, one of them volunteered her daughter, saying, "Grace is always drawing on her iPad and she's not busy now. I'll ask her if she'd like to show you how to use the technology."

Grace not only gave me some beginner's tips, but she willingly did the illustrations for the mentorship guidebook as well. By Wednesday evening, the digital graphics were slotted into the final draft.

The team loved the simple line drawings, saying they were thought-provoking and good conversation starters. To make the helmet of salvation connect better with our audience, it was depicted as the more familiar motor biker's helmet. And the shield of faith was purposefully shaped to resemble the one on the Kenyan flag.

Grace has been a blessing and a wonderful artist to work with. She's currently on her gap year before heading off to university. So, to answer the question above, – YES, a teenager can be used by God!

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Mary was even younger than Grace when she accepted becoming the mother of Jesus. Teenagers who humbly and willingly offer themselves to God, challenge adults to ask: Am I willing for God to use me too?

May God help us be his faithful messengers, spreading the good news of salvation to all.

One of the line drawings Grace did.



"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who bring good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!" Isaiah 52:7

Prayer points

- Thank God for Grace and her willingness to help the TEE team. Praise God for his providence seen at work in the completion of the mentorship guidebook. Pray for the different departments within the PCEA church who are agreeing to use the mentoring course and to sponsor teens taking part.
- Pray for God's guidance as we decide on what next to focus on in 2022. Also remember the VBS consultants' team, hoping to restart their work of producing five-day club materials.
- Remember the Leremore family this Christmas time and pray for the challenging situation with the new Omicron variant of Covid-19 spreading throughout the world.