

# Draw Near

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Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. – James 4:8

## **CHAPTER 1: LUCY'S GIFT**

**Page 1:** *(full page illustration, aerial view of roses growing on fence down the path away from the house - with verse.)* “God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good.” – Genesis 1:31

**Page 2:** 3 rows (2, 3, 3)

Panel 1: Lucy woke up early one summer morning. She had a plan to find the perfect gift. *(Lucy climbing out of her bunk bed with Veronica sleeping below.)*

Panel 2: She took her hiking knapsack, put on her boots, and went outdoors. *(Lucy putting on boots)*

Panel 3: *(Lucy walking on path talking to bird, feather on ground)* “Hello, wren! I am looking for a special gift.”

Panel 4: *(close up of feather)* “Ooh, thank you! Mama will love your beautiful feather.”

Panel 5: (*Lucy looking more closely at ground*) Bowing down to pick up the feather, she saw something else.

Panel 6: (*pointing at a rock*) "Look at all the different kinds of rocks."

Panel 7: (*holding heart shaped rock in her hand*) "I want to give this heart shaped rock to Veronica."

Panel 8: (*Lucy walking on path put items in knapsack*) She put the feather and the rock in her knapsack, and continued on her walk.

**Page 3:** 3 rows (3, 1, 2)

Panel 1: (*Lucy walking into wooded area*)

Panel 2: (*Lucy seeing a spider web stretching between two trees*) "ooh"

Panel 3: (*Lucy drawing spider in her field journal.*) "Daddy and I can look this up in our spider book."

Panel 4: (*Lucy walking across page, stopping to pick up a bird's nest*) Lucy found many special things on her walk, but she kept looking.

Panel 5: (*Lucy coming out of woods, seeing roses growing on fence*) Finally, she came to the fence, where she found blooming wild roses.

Panel 6: (*up close: Lucy cutting flowers*) She carefully cut a stalk that held three flowers.

**Page 4:** 3 rows (2,1,1)

Panel 1: *(Lucy running back down the path with roses sticking out of her bag)* With the roses tucked in her bag, she turned back toward home.

Panel 2: *(on the path, approaching house. Dad standing at door)* At home...

Panel 3: *(panel fills the row, shows the nature shelf at home: cup of feathers on left, bowl of rocks and acorns and a stack of books in middle, shelf with nest and turtle shell on right; little hand pointing at the rock)* She put everything on the nature shelf...

[left] Mom loved the feather [center] Veronica squealed at the heart shaped rock [left] and everyone thought the nest was terrific.

Panel 4: *(panel fills the row, shows books spread across table with Lucy and Daddy looking at spiders)* Daddy helped Lucy use her drawing to look the spider up in the spider guide.

**Page 5:** 3 rows (1, 2, 1)

Panel 1 *(panel fills row, shows whole room with mom and Veronica at nature shelf, Daddy and Lucy sitting at table with books. Across the room, the knapsack with flowers sits on a chair, and in the back corner you can see the prayer corner.)* Everyone enjoyed all the beautiful things Lucy found on her nature walk.

Panel 2: Then Lucy remembered the roses. But she didn't put them on the nature shelf. *(Lucy getting flowers out of knapsack)* They were a special gift...

Panel 3: *(Lucy placing vase of flowers on shelf in prayer corner) ...for Christ and his Mother.*

Panel 4: *(panel fills row, shows whole room again, but zoomed closer: Lucy is crossing herself in prayer corner, Veronica is looking closely at the rock) "Thank you God for this beautiful day."*

**Page 6:** *(full page painting of roses in prayer corner with verse) "Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house; glorify them in return by Your divine power; and do not forsake us who hope in You. – from the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom"*