

Where to find illustrations

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It is important that your selection of illustrations and their captions goes through the same checking/review process (community testing, translation consultant checking, pastor/community committee approval), along with the scripture text. This is true both for images for print and images for app or Web.

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However, any translation team can download low-resolution, watermarked samples of all B&W images, tagged for search by chapter or keyword. For the link and special instructions, see [How to directly insert images into a Paratext project from a searchable database](#)^[3].

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Note that for on-screen use, black and white images are generally not as engaging to the user.

- Only for the DY, GT, DH, and MH images does the license agreement (CC BY-NC-ND) have no restriction on app/web use.
- For Cook images (CO, CN), app and web use require advance permission, as they do for print.
- If you wish to use the LB/HK/BK series of illustrations within Scripture Apps, then it is possible to negotiate a licence with the British and Foreign Bible Society (BFBS). However, the terms and conditions of that agreement are not straightforward, and they also expect "usage reports" at least annually. (An example agreement - that CIC was able to negotiate can be found [here](#)^[15].) If you want to pursue this, then please contact Daniel.Simpson@biblesocietyresources.com^[16] at BFBS.

FreeBibleImages.org

Probably the largest source for illustrations for electronic products is freebibleimages.org^[17].

In particular, there are 208 image sets by Sweet Publishing^[18]:



and 95 image sets from Good News Productions^[20]:



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Your app developer will need to scale these down to a resolution suitable for the app. e.g. 480 px.

App Picture Sets

The following app pictures sets are available:

- Jesus Messiah: Gospel of Mark Picture Set^[22]

^[1] <https://lingtran.net/How+to+tell+Paratext+which+images+are+for+print+and+which+are+for+electronic+outputs>

^[2] <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/cs0qspb52iwa2rj/AACr9xi7s2LVoheonn0OnjPla?dl=0>

^[3] <https://lingtran.net/How-to-directly-insert-images,-illustrations,-and-figures-into-a-Paratext-project-from-a-searchable-database>

^[4] https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QOWKXPrzaPdHxB_AVhry_JDWDiN-qm3jY68Ep6PyrI/edit#heading=h.ckb3g27tmfea

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^[15] <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Rd-yWyQ091huoHndoDvneaTWMXpA1R8I/view?usp=sharing>

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^[17] <http://www.freebibleimages.org/>

^[18] <http://www.freebibleimages.org/contributors/#sweet>

^[19] <https://sites.google.com/a/lci-india.org/typesetting/home/illustrations/where-to-find-illustrations/sweet.PNG?attredirects=0>

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^[21] <https://sites.google.com/a/lci-india.org/typesetting/home/illustrations/where-to-find-illustrations/gn.PNG?attredirects=0>

^[22] <https://lingtran.net/Jesus+Messiah%3A+Gospel+of+Mark+Picture+Set>