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BEGIN TRANSCRIPT

Hi friends and welcome to “Art Vids for Kids.” My name is Fab and I’d like to play a game with you today. But first, I’d like us to take a look at the artwork.

This is a tapestry. Do you know what a tapestry is? It is large woven fabric that you hang on the wall.

A long time ago, people in different parts of the world hung tapestries on their walls as decoration. The image on these tapestries was a way to tell a story because a long time ago many people could not read.



This tapestry is huge! It’s fifteen feet wide by thirteen feet tall – that’s larger than most cars! It was made in Belgium around 1580 and it tells the story from the Bible about when King Abimelech helped Sarah to find her way back to her husband, Abraham.

Now, are you ready to play a game of “I Spy?” I will show you a section of the tapestry and I will ask you to look for specific things. Remember, you can pause the video while you look. Here we go!

I spy... several different animals. Can you find at least two different animals? Here are two camels. Here are two oxen. I spy tents. How many can you count? One, two, three, four, five, six.

Let’s look at another section. I spy... people wearing yellow. See if you can find one of them. One, two, three, four, five. Here’s another section. I spy two leopards. Can you find them? Here they are... pulling a chariot.

If you look closely on the edge here, we can see the letters, “FG.” These are the weaver’s initials. The person who made the tapestry – his name was Frans Geubel.

Would you like to learn how a tapestry is made? To make a tapestry like this, the weaver makes a design and gathers long threads or strings. Then using a loom which is a big frame that holds all the threads tightly in place, they weave more threads over and under, creating a design. With a tapestry as large as this one, the weaver rolls it up as they work. When they’re finally done, they remove it from the loom, unroll it and view their finished work. It can take a year or more to make a tapestry as large as this one as we have at the Dayton Art Institute.

I hope you will be able to come visit the museum one day soon and see this tapestry. It can be found in the Premier Health Gallery of Late Medieval and Renaissance Art, Gallery 220. Thanks for joining me today! Be sure to tune in next month for another “Art Vids for Kids”!

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FEATURED ARTWORKS*

Replicas of Four of the Unicorn Tapestries in Chapel Royal in Stirling Castle, Stirling, Scotland. Uploaded by Janfri1988, June 26, 2010, commons.wikimedia.org

State Room Tapestries, Wawel Royal Castle, Kraków, Poland.

“Slow Art: The Making of a Tapestry.” *YouTube*, uploaded by Martin Nannestad Jorgensen, May 3, 2016, <https://youtu.be/FK4Vm-6tKsM>

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