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Jesus is Real!

This collage reflects the life of Jesus living inside of me and within everyone in the world. The images I've chosen, including the photo of my small group at church and me leading a group of young girls who are growing in their faith, serve as powerful evidence of how real God is and how He moves through our lives. These moments captured in the collage are living proof of God's presence, love, and purpose. One of my favorite verses, Romans 1:20, which says, "For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse." This verse reminds us that God's existence and power are revealed through everything He has created. For example, through nature, through people, and through the moments we live. My pictures show how His light shines through my life and the lives of those around me, giving me the confidence to share my faith with the world.

I believe artists should be socially responsible because art has the power to inspire opinions and others and bring understanding to important issues. One example of a socially responsible artist is Banksy, a British artist known for his unknown identity and challenging pieces. One of his most famous pieces, "Girl with a Balloon", shows a young girl reaching out to a heart-shaped balloon floating away. While it may seem simple, this image symbolizes themes of hope, loss, and the innocence of childhood in times of problems. Banksy usually creates art on city walls in war zones, refugee camps, or poor areas to highlight injustice, war, poverty, and environmental issues. His work encourages social change, which is why I believe it reflects social responsibility.