



# A Masterwork of Byzantine Art

THE DAVID PLATES: The Story of David and Goliath

*A Closer Look* is a series of learning-activity sets designed to be used in any educational setting. Each packet of materials focuses on one work of art from The Metropolitan Museum of Art's encyclopedic collection. The purpose of these materials is to inspire young people and adults to look more closely at paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, and architectural spaces, and to discover that details can be fascinating and often essential in understanding the meaning of a work of art. Each set in the series may be used as an introduction to looking at a particular work of art, or as a springboard to an in-depth exploration of the work of art and how it reflects the culture in which it was made. It may also be used as a pre-visit activity before touring the Museum.

This edition of *A Closer Look* focuses on a masterwork of Byzantine art from the general area indicated in the map below.



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