WEEK OF
August 9, 2020

Indescribable: Your Creator has No Limits

PARENT GUIDE
Elementary

Use this guide to help your family learn how God made us to be creative.

First, watch this week's video!

Creativity: Imagining what you could do because you were made in God's image.

Memory Verse

"Lord, you are great. You are really worthy of praise. No one can completely understand how great you are." Psalm 145:3, NIrV

Bible Story

We Are God's Creation (Ephesians 2:10

Bottom Line

God create you, so you can be creative.

Activity

You've Got Skills

What You Need

Paper and something to write with

What You Do

Grab a sheet of paper and something to write with. If your child is able, let them do all the writing. (The more creative their spelling, the better.)

Say, "God made you with unique gifts and talents. You've got some serious skills! Let's make a list of all those skills right now."

Make a numerical list of your child's talents. These can be anything from being able to whistle, blowing a bubble with gum, or doing a cartwheel. Remind them of any they might forget!

When you're finished making the list, choose a few talents for your child to demonstrate.

If you have time, demonstrate a few of your own special skills, too!

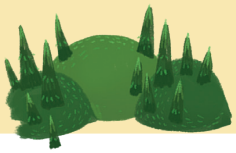
Talk about the Bible Story

If we're made in God's image, and God is creative, what does that mean about us? *(We are creative—each in our own way)*

In what ways are you creative?

Listen to these words from Ephesians 2:10 (NIrV): "We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do." What does that verse say about us? *(We belong to Jesus. God created us to do good things.)*

As a family, let's think about some creative, good things we can do with our gifts, talents, and skills. Remember, God created you, so you can be creative.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for creating us with unique skills. Help us to use our talents and creativity to do good things. Remind us that THIS is why You created us—to help and love others. We know we have what it takes because we were created in Your image. We love You! Amen."

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Bible Story

We Are God's Creation (Ephesians 2:10)

Key Question

How are you creative?

Activity

Invent It

What You Need

Two sheets of paper and two writing utensils

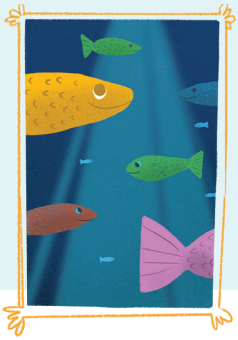
What You Do

Grab the papers and pencils and sit somewhere with your child. Say, "Let's each make a top 10 list of the best inventions of all time. When we're done, we'll compare lists. Ready?"

Spend a few minutes working on your lists. When you're finished, compare.

Say, "Looking at our lists, which of these inventions solve the biggest problems? (Discuss.) If you were stuck on a deserted island for a month, which three inventions would you want with you?"

Share your response, too!



Talk about the Bible Story

If we're made in God's image, and God is creative, what does that mean about us? *(We are creative—each in our own way.)*

Why do you think God created people? *(To serve Him, know Him, love Him, love others, etc.)*

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What are some "good works" you could do with your gifts, talents, and skills?

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Creativity is imagining what you could do because you were made in God's image.

WEEK 2 K-5TH

DAY 1

Read Psalm 139:13–14

Have you ever seen a grainy black and white sonogram picture of a growing baby? You know, the picture a pregnant woman receives of her baby while it's still in her tummy? Isn't it amazing that doctors can "see" that precious baby before it's ever born?

God created that precious little one. And even as that baby grows and develops, God already has a plan for that little baby. God had a plan for you even when you were just a grainy picture. God knew you long before your mom or dad or best friend knew you.

One of the amazing things about our infinitely loving and creative God is that He's made us to be creative too. He's given you a mind to figure out new solutions to problems, hands to create and help, a mouth to speak truth in love and feet to get you where you need to go to get a job done. There is no one in all of creation exactly like you. And the best way to honor God for the wonderful way He made you is to use your creativity to make a unique mark on the world.

DAY 2

Read Isaiah 64:8

Grab a big lump of clay or play dough. Set a timer for three minutes and sculpt something out of that play dough. Ready? Go.

What did you create? Write it here:

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That lump of play dough didn't look like much before you started sculpting it. It had no form, or shape or purpose. But in your creative hands, it now has a recognizable shape, right? Okay, maybe three minutes wasn't quite long enough to get it just right, but you get the idea.

Imagine you are that play dough and God is the sculptor. Because God is intentional and purposeful in all He does, He made you exactly the way He wanted you to be. And all that creativity He used to create you is in you. It's what allows you to see a lump a play dough and create something amazing. God created you so you can be creative.

Hold your play dough sculpture and tell God how thankful you are for the amazingly creative way He's made you!

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DAY 3

Read Genesis 1:27

Ask an adult if you can borrow a cell phone and snap a selfie. Go ahead and strike a silly pose.

Now take a look at that picture. It's an image of you. A photo. It's not really you. That image can't walk and talk and breathe (though it does look exactly like you!). And it does show us quite a bit about what you are like, including a little window into your personality.

In the same way a selfie reflects an image of the person in the picture, you are made in the image of God!

You aren't God of course, but of all the wonderful things God made, people—you and me—are most like Him. We can think and feel and laugh and play and love others. We can read and draw and create.

Grab a piece of paper and whatever art supplies you have on hand. Create anything you'd like; the sky is the limit. Somewhere on the page write this week's bottom line: God created you, so you can be creative.

DAY 4

Read Ephesians 2:10

What's your favorite animal? Write it in the space below:

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What do you know about your favorite animal? What kind of habitat or climate does it live in? What does it eat? Ask an adult to help you do a little research to answer these questions.

Did you know that of all the amazingly creatures God made, you to stand out above the rest? And while it might be cool to shoot water from your trunk like an elephant or push through the dirt like an earthworm, you are more important to God than any animal, even your favorite one.

Why? Because God created and made a way for us to have a relationship with Him, forever! When we put our trust in Jesus, we become a part of God's family. And once we understand that purpose, we can begin to see all the amazing plans God has for each one of us. From eyes that see, to ears that hear, to feet that run, to brains that solve problems, you are one big amazing body of wonder.

Write down three unique parts of you. As you pray today, thank God for those unique "body parts" and ask Him to help you use them creatively to do good in the world around you.