



Use this guide to help your family learn what God has to say about individuality.

**First, watch
this week's
video!**

**Individuality:
Discovering
who you're
meant to be so
you can make
a difference**

Memory Verse

How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I praise you for that. What you have done is wonderful. I know that very well.
Psalm 139:14, NIV

Bible Story

Lydia
Acts 16:13-15

Bottom Line

Use your gifts to help others.

Activity

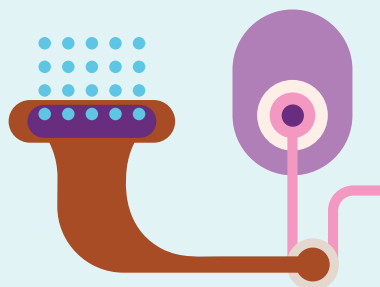
You've Got Skills

What You Need:

Supplies for something your child is good at (video games, drawing, dancing, stuffed animal arrangements, etc.)

What You Do:

Ask your child to teach you how to do something they're good at. If they don't feel like they're especially good at anything, help them figure out what they can do—even if they're still learning. Maybe set up a regular time for the rest of the month for you to let them teach you, giving them the chance to be the expert!



Talk About the Bible Story

In our story today, what was Lydia good at? (*Making fine purple cloth, helping others*)

What are YOU good at? What do you want to get better at?

How can you use your skills and gifts to help others?

Explain to your child that God made them the way they are on purpose, for HIS purpose. God can use them—even now, when they're young.

Extra credit if you can find a way to help your child use their skills and talents to help someone else this week!

Parent: Talk about a time when you were able to use the gifts God has given you to help others.

Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for giving us such special and awesome gifts, and ways that we can help and serve those around us. Please help us to use those gifts this week in the way You want us to. Show us how we can use our individuality to make a difference for other people. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name. Amen."

Individuality is discovering who you're meant to be so you can make a difference.

DAY 1

Read Ephesians 2:10

When God made you, He didn't use a mold or create you on some assembly line so that you looked or acted like someone else. You are a completely unique, one of a kind creation. And all that individuality also means that your gifts and talents are different from the people around you. You have been uniquely made to bring a specific set of gifts to the world.

As a kid, you're just beginning to figure out what those gifts and abilities are and that's OKAY! As you grow, you'll discover more and more what you really love to do. But no matter what those gifts are – whether you can dance or sing or draw or write or run super fast or think of new ideas – all of those different gifts were given to different people for one purpose. God made you to do good works. He wants you to use the gifts and abilities He's given you to help others.

Right now, part of figuring out what you're good at is trying new things. What is one thing you're interested in that you would like to try? Write it down and then share it with your Mom or Dad.

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DAY 2

Read Philipians 2:3

When it comes to helping, God doesn't want us to decide who is or isn't worth our time or energy. Because everyone is important to God, we should do all we can to help others when we see a need.

Use the code below to fill in the blanks:

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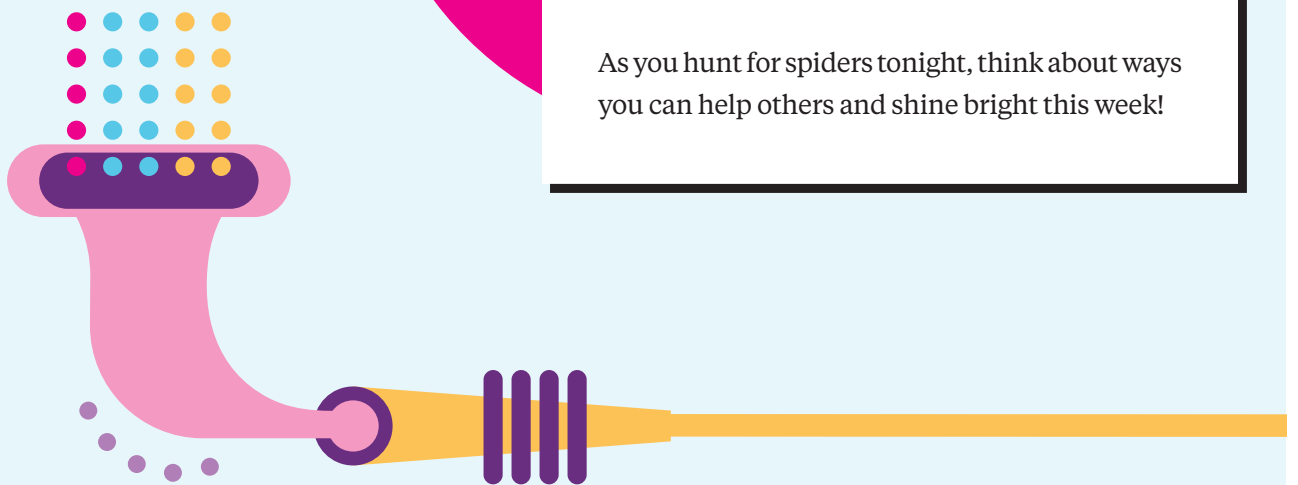
DAY 3

Read Colossians 3:23

God made you to make a difference. Sometimes, that difference looks like putting away your stuff or cleaning up the dishes. When it comes to helping, no job is too big or too small. **Every single time you choose to help, you use the unique and individual way God made you to make a difference.** And God is so proud of you when you choose to help.

Make a list of your weekly chores. Write today's verse at the bottom of the list. Each time you complete a task, read the verse and tell God "thank you" for the wonderful way He's made you to help.

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DAY 4

Read Matthew 5:14-16

Have you ever hunted for spiders at night?

With an adult's permission, grab a flashlight after dark and head outside. Turn on the flashlight and hold it up to the side of your head, level with your eyes. Then look carefully at the grass or flower beds. You should begin to spot some tiny, bright pinpoints of light. Some of these might be drops of water on the grass but if you look closely, you may be surprised at how many spiders you spot!

Spiders sparkle because of a shiny layer behind their eyes called a tapetum. This makes things look much brighter. God's creativity is amazing, isn't it?

Did you know you have the ability to shine like a spider? No, that doesn't mean your eyes glow in the dark! **Every time you help, or listen, or encourage, or love others, it's like shining bright light to point others to God.** God is counting on you to use the uniquely individual and amazing way He's made you to help others.

As you hunt for spiders tonight, think about ways you can help others and shine bright this week!