

Creativity is using your imagination to do something new.

DAY 1

Read Genesis 1:1

Things God Made

Grab a piece of paper and a pencil and have an adult set a timer for 2 minutes. As the timer runs down, make a list of things that God made.

Write the total number of items you listed here:

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All month long, we're talking about creativity, which is using your imagination to do something new. God made you to be creative! And God wants you to use all that creativity to do what only you can do to make a difference in the world around you!

Circle five of your favorite things on the list you created. Spend some time thanking God for those five things!

DAY 2

Read Jeremiah 10:12

Have you ever caught a lizard or firefly in a jar so you can take a closer look? Or maybe you've tried this with a leaf or blade of grass? There's a lot you can learn by studying that lizard or looking at the leaf under a microscope. But even super smart entomologists (a person that studies insects) and botanists (a person that studies plants), can't create a lizard or leaf from nothing. Only God can do that. God created all the insects, plants, and everything else that fills our planet.

The amount of creativity and skill it took to create the world around us is too much for us to imagine. But that same God who made it all made you to be creative too.



Leaf Rubbings

Collect several leaves from your yard or local park. Grab a sheet of paper and a crayon. Lay the leaf on a flat surface and place the paper on top. Peel some of the paper off of the crayon, lay it on its side and rub it over the page to create a leaf rubbing. At the bottom of the page, write out today's verse.



DAY 3

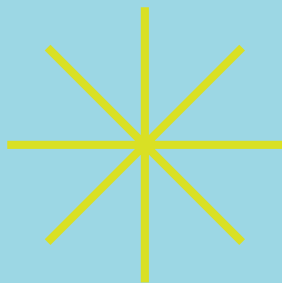
Read Psalm 104:24

Have you ever taken a look around you at all the incredible things God has made? God is in control of everything and deserves all of our honor and praise. Complete the word search below by finding a few words from today's verse. Then stop and be thankful for the wonderful things God's made, including you! Thank God for the ways that you're creative! Ask God to help you use your creativity to do something new!

Word Search

Lord all made earth
things full wise creatures

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
K	L	M	N	C	O	P	Q	R	F
S	L	L	O	R	D	T	U	U	V
W	X	Y	Z	E	A	B	L	C	D
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DAY 4

Read Romans 1:20

The beauty we see all around us is the result of an infinitely creative God. This is the same God who made you and knows you. God made you to be creative!

Nature Walk

Take a walk outside today and pick up a few things from creation. You might find a pinecone or a smooth stone or even a dandelion. Place that item somewhere that you can see it each day to remind you of the beauty of God's creation. And as you look in the mirror this week, thank God for creating you to be creative too!

God created you
so you can be creative.

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Read Ephesians 2:10

How do we know that God loves us? Because God created us and wants a forever relationship with us! When we put our trust in Jesus, we become a part of God's family. When we discover the purpose God has for us, we can begin to see all the amazing ways we can share God's love with others.

Stop and think about some ways you like to express your creativity. Remember, creativity isn't just about art. You might be a creative writer. You might love to build things or take things apart to see how they work. You might be a good problem solver! After you've come up with a list in your head, ask God to show you how you can use that creativity to do good in the world around you.

DAY 2

Read Psalm 139:14

Do you know what the word comparison means? When you compare two things, you look for things that are similar and things that are different. Sometimes we compare ourselves to others.

But God didn't intend for you to spend any of your time comparing yourself to others. How God made you is truly amazing and wonderful. On top of that, God created you for a purpose.

Today's verse is a great one to memorize. Grab a dry erase marker and write the words of today's verse on the mirror in your bathroom. As you wash your hands or brush your teeth this week, say the words of this verse to yourself as a reminder of how very special you are.

DAY 3

Read Genesis 1:27

Take A Selfie

Ask an adult if you can borrow a cell phone and snap a selfie. Take a look at that picture. It's an image of you, but it's not really you. That image can't walk and talk and breathe.

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 you are like God in the way you are creative and show love to others.

As someone made in the image of God, that's your purpose. You can help others, do good in the world around you, and share the love of Jesus with people you meet.

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 for a purpose.

DAY 4

Read Jeremiah 29:11

Do you like to cook or bake? In order to create something tasty, it's best to follow a recipe. You could grab some ingredients and throw them in a pan without a plan. But the end result probably wouldn't be as yummy as your grandmother's famous double chocolate brownies or your Mom's homemade mac and cheese.

Having a plan is a good thing. And guess what? According to Jeremiah, God has a good plan for your life. Plans for you to succeed and keep you from harm.

Dinner Prep

Ask your parent if you can help with dinner tonight. Pick out a favorite recipe to follow together. Then read today's verse aloud and pray together as you gather around the table. Thank God for giving you a good plan and purpose!

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Read Genesis 41:16

When Joseph appeared before Pharaoh, there was a lot at stake. Pharaoh had the power to send him back to prison or set him free. Joseph could interpret the dream and take all the credit or he could acknowledge that God was the one who helped him.

Joseph said, "I can't do it, but God can!" With God's help, Joseph told Pharaoh exactly what the dream meant and give him a plan to help the nation survive. Pharaoh was so impressed with Joseph's problem-solving skills that he not only freed him, but he made him his second in command! Problem solved.

Just like Joseph, you can use what God gave you to solve problems.

Problem Solving Steps

Below is a list of things you can do the next time there's a problem to be solved.

1. Take a deep breath.
2. Tell God about the problem.
3. Brainstorm some solutions.
4. Think about and evaluate each option.
5. Practice your chosen solution.
6. ASK: Did my solution work? Why or why not?

DAY 2

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

Parts of Your Brain

What do you know about the brain in your head? Draw a line to match the parts of the brain with their "jobs" below.

Parts of the Brain

Frontal Lobe

Function

Controls short term memory, speech, musical rhythm and some smell recognition

Parietal Lobe

Involves your vision

Occipital Lobe

Helps identify objects and spatial awareness (where you are compared to objects around you)

Temporal Lobe

Involves personality, decision making, and movement

All the parts of your brain work together to help you understand the world around you! Your frontal lobe helps you make decisions. Your occipital lobe helps your eyes to see an object while your parietal lobe helps you name it. Your temporal lobe helps you remember what you did five minutes ago.

God made that awesome brain of yours! God wants to help you creatively solve the problems around you!

Read James 1:5

What's the very first word of today's verse?

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Guess what? We all need wisdom! And when we need wisdom, who gives it? God! God gives it freely which means that God isn't stingy because there's plenty to go around!

The next time you have a problem to solve, start by asking God for help.



Mark It Up

Grab your Bible and some colored pencils. Use a yellow colored pencil to draw a crown over God every time it appears in the verse. Use other colors to draw a box around the word wisdom. Underline the words "needs," "ask," "give" and "gives freely." Add any other markings you choose that will help certain words stand out so you can learn the verse by heart.

Read Philippians 4:6

When you have a problem, who do you talk to? Maybe your Mom or Dad. Maybe a best friend? God has placed people in our lives to help us. But sometimes, when there's a problem and we need help, talking to God is the best first step.

Why? Because talking to God reminds us who's really in charge. When a problem seems too big, prayer can remind us that NOTHING we face in life is bigger than God.



Talk To God

In the box below, write out a prayer to God about a problem you need help solving. Then pray and ask God to help you think about a creative solution that you hadn't thought of before.

Four horizontal lines for writing a prayer.

You can use what God gave you to solve problems.

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DAY 1

Read Exodus 35:31-32

The Israelites were given a big job: to build a beautiful tabernacle as a place where they could gather and worship God. Today, we gather to worship God in a church. But we don't have to be in church to honor God. We can honor God with our life!

Honoring God with your creativity might look like helping to solve an argument between two friends. It might look like serving or helping when you see a need. It might look like encouraging someone who's down by writing them a note. There are so many ways you can use your imagination to honor God and the people around you that God has made.

What is one way you can use your imagination to honor God this week?

DAY 2

Read Isaiah 64:8

Grab some Play-Doh. Set a timer for two minutes and shape it into an item. When you finish, see if someone at your house can identify your Play-Doh creation.

You are just like that Play-doh. God, the ultimate creator, formed and shaped you just like a potter shapes a vase or bowl.

Guess what? You're way better than a vase that sits on a shelf or Play-Doh creation. You are a living, breathing human being, capable of loving and learning. And you have the ability to turn around and thank God for the awesome ways you can honor God!

DAY 3

Read Colossians 3:17

Your imagination is limitless. You can make something “new” every day. Why? Because you were made by God. Your ability to create things is a gift. And that God-given gift can only be opened if you choose to use it!

Can you apply that creativity towards creating a new home? Grab a bucket of LEGO bricks or Lincoln Logs and a pad of paper. Draw up some plans for a new home. Then use building materials to build a replica of what you drew. When you’re finished, show your house plans and replica to a friend or family member.

Did you know that you can put that same creativity toward honoring God too? Thank God for creating you to be creative and use your imagination to honor Him!

DAY 4

Read Psalm 86:12

Creativity is like a muscle. You have to stay active and exercise your creativity to keep that imagination sharp! Here’s a little exercise in creativity. Head to the kitchen and open the junk drawer, the one that’s full of all kinds of stuff. Without thinking too much, grab an item out of the drawer.

The item you chose has a specific purpose, right? In the space below, come up with two other things you could use this item for.

1.

2.

Great job using that imagination of yours! You can put that same imagination to good use as you look for ways to honor God and bring Him glory this week.

Our verse reminds us to praise God with all our hearts and bring Him glory forever. This week, practice flexing your creativity muscle by looking for ways to honor God with your words and actions.

Use your imagination to honor God.