

CREATIVITY

Imagining what you could do
because you're made in God's image.

MEMORY VERSE

"How you made me is amazing and wonderful. I
praise you for that." Psalm 139:14, NIV



WEEK
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Creation Story

Part 1

Genesis 1:1-25

BOTTOM LINE:

God made everything.

WEEK
2

Creation Story

Part 2: Adam & Eve

Genesis 1:26-2:1-25

BOTTOM LINE:

God made you.

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Adam's First Job

Genesis 2:19-20

BOTTOM LINE:

God made you to imagine.

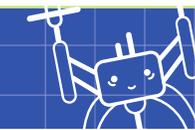
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The Fall

Genesis 3

BOTTOM LINE:

God made you to know Him.



MORNING TIME

Sometimes it's difficult to recognize the unique qualities God has given us. Help your child better understand his or her amazing qualities by highlighting one each week and writing it on their bathroom mirror. As opportunities arise throughout the week, give them examples of the ways you've seen these qualities shine through them, and remind them that God loves watching them make the most of the gifts He designed specifically for them.



DRIVE TIME

While walking to the park or heading to the pool, encourage your child to observe and appreciate all of the nature around them. Ask them about what they see, what they like best, and have them expand upon why in each instance. Take time to point out the things you notice as well and remind them that God made everything!



MEAL TIME

Ask a kid: Would you rather spend 24 hours drawing, writing, painting, designing a robot, or solving brain puzzles?

Ask a parent: What's the first creative thing you remember me (your kid) doing as a toddler? (Did I ever draw on the walls?!)



BED TIME

Read Genesis 1:1-2. Look around. Every single thing you see is made by God or made out of something made by God. The mind-blowing thing is: God made everything from nothing. God's voice, imagination, and being are so powerful that He simply thought up every single thing that exists and spoke it into being. He gave human beings the imagination to take the things He had made and create new things. Brainstorm together several ways that you can use what God made to create something new this week. Then pick one and plan to do it! Together, ask God to help each of you to use what He has made in new and creative ways.



PARENT TIME

Our children will learn to embrace the way God made them by watching how we, as parents, handle the gifts God has given us. The comparison trap we fall into amongst our peers is just as real for our children as it is for us adults. Living in a constant state of comparison is poisonous and can keep us from truly seeing ourselves as God sees us. If you struggle with this, take a personality assessment to rediscover your strengths and celebrate them. God created each of us with a specific purpose in mind and when we embrace the way we are made, our children will learn to do the same!

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Week 1
K-5TH GRADE

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READ GENESIS 1:1-8

DAY 1

Before broccoli or rainbows or rocky mountains or anything—there was God. Out of all that nothingness, God decided to get busy CREATING. So let's start at the very beginning.

On day one, God made light and dark. He called the light "_____ " and the dark "_____." That means that morning and evening were God's idea. And it was good.

On day two, God made sky and water. All those miles and miles and miles of endless blue, punctuated by puffy white clouds. It was all part of God's design. And it was good. What a creative God! And that's just the first two days!

Creation Box

To keep track of all this creating, let's make a CREATION BOX. Find a shoebox and cover it with fun paper and title it with a creative name. This week, you'll need to fill your box with items that represent the days of creation. For day one, you might put in a small flashlight or glow stick. For day two, you could put in a cotton ball (like the clouds) or a blue piece of paper to represent the sky. Use that creativity of yours to fill your box this week.

THANK God for creating everything—especially day, night, sky, and water.

READ GENESIS 1:9-19

DAY 2

On day three, God made land, plants, and sea. Majestic mountains, vast oceans, giant sequoias and tiny grains of sand, all created with care. Seeds, tiny plants and trees, rivers, lakes and oceans and land! But God wasn't finished.

On day four, God created two great lights to give light to Earth! You can probably already name them. God created the sun, a light so great and hot you cannot even get near it. The sun's surface is roughly 10,340 degrees Fahrenheit! He placed the sun in the sky to rule the day, and the small light, the moon, to rule the night. This was God's way of signaling morning and evening. Oh yeah, and God also threw in about a trillion stars.

Grab your creation box from yesterday. There are LOTS of options for day three. You might collect a small amount of dirt in a plastic zip-top bag, or a seed or a leaf. For day four, you could put in a pair of sunglasses or draw and cut out a star. Get creative as you fill your creation box!

ASK God to help you appreciate His amazing creation all around you!



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READ GENESIS 1:20-23

DAY 3

Have you ever been to an aquarium or a pet shop with fish? Ever peered into the tank and tried to identify a few of those amazing creatures? God made them all—dolphins and belugas, shrimp and octopi, jellyfish and barracuda. All those amazingly creative water dwellers showed up on day five. But God wasn't finished!

Have you ever watched the birds from your window as they tweet out a tune or gather sticks to build a nest? That's right, on the same day God created all the fish of the sea; He also created the birds of the air. What an amazing amount of creativity God displayed on this day!

Grab your creation box to add things that represent day five. You might choose a feather or a plastic fish or a drawing of your favorite bird. Whatever you choose, try to find at least two items that represent both fish and birds.

LOOK for ways to thank God for all that He created so many thousands of years ago.

READ GENESIS 1:24-30

DAY 4

If you think the first five days were amazing, and they were AH-MAZING, guess what God made on day six? Animals: dogs and cats, giraffes and ferrets, polar bears and anteaters! They all showed up on day six. But God wasn't done.

God wanted someone more like Himself, someone different from the fish or birds or animals. So God made man in His own image and put man over all the rest of His creation. That means that we are more like God than any other created thing.

Creativity is imagining what you could do because you're made in the image of God. God is creative and He made YOU to be like Him, which means YOU are creative. You have the ability to use the mind He gave you to do something NEW, something different, something CREATIVE. How awesome is that?

Grab your creation box and add two items to represent day six. You might choose your dog's favorite treat to represent animals or a picture of yourself to represent people. Once you're done, find an adult and show them all the things you've collected this week.

KNOW that God made you in His image and He loves you very much.



God made
EVERYTHING.



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Week 2
K-5TH GRADE

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READ GENESIS 2:7; 20-22

DAY 1

Check out today's verses to answer the following questions:

How did God create Adam? _____

Why do you think God made Adam? _____

How did God create Eve? _____

Why did God create Eve? _____

God saw all that He had made those first five days and He longed for something more like Himself. So God made people. Fast forward thousands of years and people later and God made you, too. You are more valuable to Him than a vast ocean or majestic mountain or a sky filled with stars. You were made by God for a relationship with Him.

THANK God for taking the time to make you special.

READ ISAIAH 64:8

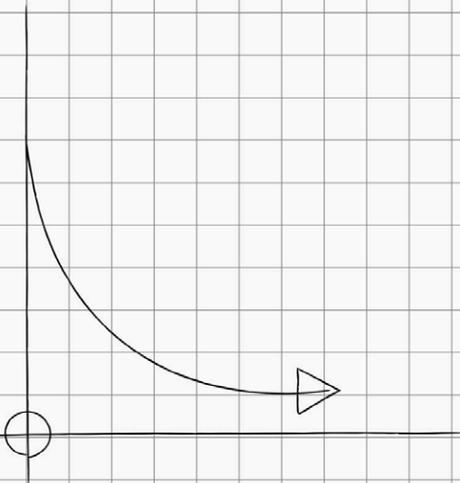
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Grab a lump of Play-doh®. Ask an adult to call out an easily recognizable item (like a cup). Have that adult set a timer for two minutes as you form it out of Play-doh®. How did you do?

You know, you're kind of like that Play-doh®. The Bible tells us that God, the ultimate creator, formed and shaped you just like a potter shapes a vase or bowl. His hands made ALL of you. He painted those freckles across your nose, placed those crazy curls on top of your head and gave you those long limbs.

But that's not all. God made your insides too! He gave you that sense of adventure and curiosity. Your love of dance or sports or reading, all comes from Him. There is no one else in the world exactly like you, even if you happen to be an identical twin. God made you, all of you and He did a really good job.

ASK God to help you see yourself as His special creation.



CREATIVITY

Week 2

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READ PSALM 139:13

DAY 3

Ask an adult if you can borrow their phone to take a selfie. Snap a pic and take a look. Here's the truth. You are MORE than your outward appearance. God made ALL of you, including what's on the inside that really makes up who you are.

What's inside your body? Bones and a brain, muscles and lungs, arteries and a heart. All of the millions of cells that make up your body were knit together before you breathed your very first breath. But you are more than organs and arteries. God gave you a soul. That's the part of you that feels deeply, that loves and cares for others, it's the part that makes you, well, you.

God knit all of that together and your soul is unlike anyone else's. Your soul is imprinted with the image of God. It's what makes you different than the animals or trees or oceans or any other part of creation. Who you are on the inside is the most important part of you.

LOOK at your picture and thank God for making all of you, even what's on the inside.

READ PSALM 139:14

DAY 4

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. We all tend to compare ourselves to others. Sometimes we look at a friend in class or the kid on our team and think, "if only I looked like that girl," or "how come I'm not as quick as that kid?"

But God didn't intend for you to spend any of your time comparing yourself to others. How He made you is truly amazing and wonderful. God didn't create you to be just like that girl in your in class or the kid on your ball team. He took extra time and care to make you uniquely you. And God didn't make a mistake.

Today's verse is a GREAT one to know by heart. 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.

KNOW that God knit you together in the most amazing and unique way.



God made
YOU.



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Week 3
K-5TH GRADE

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READ GENESIS 2:19-20

DAY 1

What was Adam's first job in the garden? God asked Adam to use his creativity to name all of the animals! Imagine Adam sitting on a rock as, one by one, he called out names like:

"Bettle!"

"Honey badger!"

"Armadillo!"

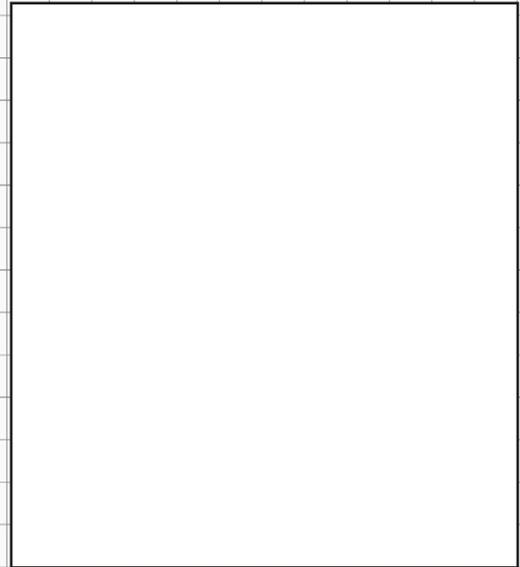
"Ant!"

"Hedgehog!"

"Hummingbird!"

Adam was made in God's image and used his imagination from the beginning. God made you in His image to be creative, too. In the space to the right, draw a picture of an animal of your own creation. Give the animal a name and write two or three sentences to describe what makes your animal unique.

THANK God for creating you in His image.



READ COLOSSIANS 1:16-17

DAY 2

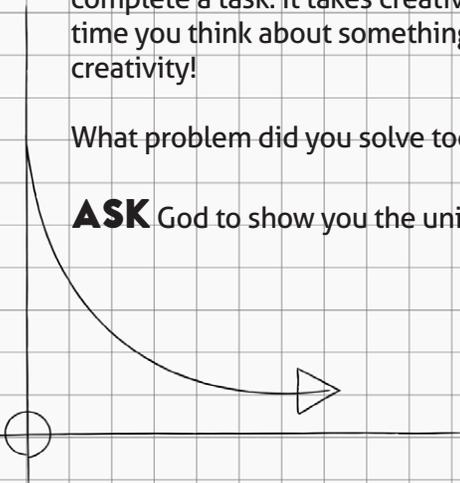
God made you in His image. God is our creator—the ultimate creative. And because you were made in His image, you were created to be creative. Still not convinced that you are creative? Maybe we need to take a look at what creativity actually means.

We've defined creativity as imagining what you could do because you're made in God's image. Maybe you've thought that in order to be creative you need to paint, draw, write, or sculpt something cool out of clay. But creativity isn't just about those things. Creativity applies to LOTS of things.

It takes creativity to come up with a solution to a problem. It takes creativity to figure out a new way to complete a task. It takes creativity to imagine a faster or more efficient way to get something done. Every time you think about something, imagine what could be, and put that into motion, you are exercising your creativity!

What problem did you solve today? Did it work? Can you think of another solution?

ASK God to show you the unique way He's wired you to be creative.



CREATIVITY

Week 3

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READ PSALM 144:9

DAY 3

Your imagination is limitless. You can make something "new" every day. Why? Because you were made by God. Your ability to create something out of nothing is a gift. And that gift, given to you by your heavenly Father, can only be opened if you choose to use it!

Can you apply that creativity towards creating a new home? Draw up some plans for a new home. Want a slide from the second floor? Draw it in. A roof made out of a marshmallow cream? Sure! Use your amazing imagination to sketch your new house design on paper. Then use blocks to build a replica.

When you're finished, show your house plans and replica to a friend or family member. Explain each part and why you've included it in your design. If you have time, ask that friend or family member to draw his or her own new house design.

LOOK for ways to use your creativity to make something "new" today.

READ JOB 12:7-10

DAY 4

What's your favorite animal? _____

Have you studied this animal or learned something cool about its habitat? _____

God made everything including the animals! Your favorite animal came straight from God's creativity! But, animals aren't like people. They don't have an imagination to create something new like you do because you were made in the image of God.

But guess what? Creativity is like a muscle. You have to stay active and exercise your creativity to keep that imagination sharp! So 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. Set a timer for ten minutes. If possible, ask an adult or older sibling to complete this exercise on his/her own piece of paper. After ten minutes, share what you came up with.

1. _____

2. _____



KNOW that God has made you to imagine!

God made you to
IMAGINE.

