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



Read Psalm 139:14







#### Who Told You?

Remember back to the first time you heard about God? Was it at church? Home? School? Who told you? Grab your parent and have them help you think through the first time you heard about God!

Thank God for putting someone in your life to tell you about Him!



### AD: Salt and Light is Always Available

This week's Bible story, found in **Matthew 5:13-16**, talks about being salt and light. Just like salt makes food taste better, God's Word makes people lives better if we sprinkle it around! And God's Word is like a light. It brightens up our life when we read it.

Who needs to know about God? Make a poster using some craft supplies you have around the house. On the paper, draw a salt shaker and a light bulb. Somewhere on that page write something that you would want others to know about God. Advertise His goodness! Show them your poster and tell them about Him!

Who can you share God with? Friends, neighbors, other family members?

Look for ways to share God's goodness.



#### **Create a Praise**

Grab a Bible and open up to **Psalm 139:14**. Read through the verse in your normal voice. Then, read it through three more times. Each time you say the verse you have to create a new motion or voice to give the verse some creativity!

Know that God created you to be wonderful in every way!



#### **Share and Tell**

We are created to share all about God with our friends and family. We can tell them about all the good things He has done. Sometimes all it takes is an opportunity to do that. Pray the prayer below and ask God to give you chances to tell others about Him.

"Dear God, I want to tell others all about You and how You created them and created them to be super special. God, give me the chance to tell others about how cool You are. I pray that I will get the chance to do that soon. Thank You for all You have created. I love You, God. Amen."

Ask God to give you chances to tell friends and family about all He has created.





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#### Read Psalm 145:3

Have you ever thought about what God looks like? Do you have a picture in our mind? Maybe you think of a version of Santa Claus with a long white beard or a powerful king sitting on a beautiful throne. Imagining is just one of the wonderful abilities God built into each one of us!

God did give us a glimpse of Himself. Because God sent Jesus, His only Son, to show us who He is. Jesus grew up just like you're growing up. He had friends and siblings, chores and schoolwork. He may have even learned to build things in his dad's carpenter shop.

Jesus taught people about God, healed the sick, calmed storms and performed amazing miracles. But His purpose for living here on earth was to save us! The things we do that we know are wrong separate us from God. When Jesus chose to die on the cross, He took our punishment on Himself to make a way for us to be part of God's family forever.

So while we can never really understand just how great God is, we can have a relationship with Him through Jesus. God created you to share His story because everyone needs to hear the good news about Jesus!

#### Read Matthew 5:13

Circle the foods below that are better with salt:

Saltine crackers French fries

Fruit Salad Hamburger

Chocolate Chip Ice Cream Pizza

Chips Pretzels Popcorn

Have you ever eaten a pretzel or a tortilla chip without salt? Without that salt, it's not nearly as tasty. As followers of Jesus, we are to act like that salt, making the world around a much better, friendlier, more loving place to live. When we love others like Jesus loves us, when we're honest and trustworthy, we spread spiritual salt all around.

Jesus also warns that we can lose that saltiness. That's why it's so important to stay connected to Jesus by reading His words in the Bible, going to church to learn more about Him and spending time talking to Him in prayer. We were made so that we could tell others about Jesus and be "salt" to make a difference in the world around us! God created you to share His story.



# God created you share His story.



#### Read Matthew 5:14-16

Grab a flashlight and head to the darkest room in your house (like a bathroom without windows). Take your Bible and GodTime card along. Turn off the light, close the door and count to sixty. When you finish counting, turn on the flashlight.

Did you make it the whole sixty seconds? Would you want to live in darkness like that all the time? No way! You wouldn't know where to go and you'd probably be a little scared.

In a similar way, that's what it feels like for a person who doesn't know the good news about Jesus. They're really in the dark without a purpose. Imagine not knowing that you were made by God because He loves you. Imagine never hearing that Jesus loves you and that He made a way for you to be a part of God's family forever?

You are like that flashlight to the people around you. Because you were made by God to share His story, it's up to you to shine a light and point others to God.

Every time you hit a light switch this week, ask God to help you be a light and tell others about Jesus by the words you say and the way you act!



#### Read Mark 16:15

Did you know that animals can talk? They might not speak in words like humans do but they definitely communicate with each other.

#### Fun facts:

- → When a scout bee spots the perfect flower, he flies back to the hive and does a little happy dance to let his other bee friends know where the good stuff is.
- → White tailed deer use the white underside of their tails to warn of a predator or let that predator know it's been spotted.
- → Gorillas hum when dinner is ready and to show they're happy. When a gorilla sticks out its tongue, that's usually a sign they're angry.

If God was careful to give the animals so many ways to communicate, just think about the time and care He took with you. He gave you a mouth to speak and the most important message you could ever share is to tell everyone the good news about Jesus!

Grab a piece of paper and draw a large mouth. You can check out your smile in the mirror to get it just right. Then draw a large mouth bubble and write the words of today's verse in the center. Place this picture in a spot where everyone in your home can see it!

If you find you need more inspiration, read some more fun stories of how God created animals to communicate in different ways on pages 140 and 141 of "How Great Is Our God" by Louie Giglio.

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

WHO FIRST TOLD YOU ABOUT GOD'S STORY?





#### Day 1

Go to Studio252.tv and watch this week's episode of The So & So Show.

→Click on Fun2Watch! then The So & So Show.

Even if you already saw it at church, feel free to check it out again!

#### SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:	
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2. You learned: \_\_\_\_\_

3. You'd like to know:



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#### Day 2

#### Read Matthew 5:13-16

Before you read Matthew 5:13-16, gather the following items:

- 1. A salt shaker
- 2. A pillow
- 3. A LEGO® block or something similar
- 4. A flashlight or other light
- 5. A bowl

Now, as you read through Matthew 5:13-16, use the props to act out what you read. Read verse 13 and put a tiny bit of salt on your finger and taste it. Put the block on the pillow, and walk around it while you read verse 14, paying attention to how the block is clearly seen from its elevated spot. Lastly, turn on the flashlight and put a bowl over it, and read verse 15. Notice the light isn't visible anymore. Remove the bowl and shine the light around as you read verse 16.

God made you like that flashlight—you're meant to shine His love brightly for all to see!

#### Day 3

Thinking back to yesterday's passage, do you feel more comfortable shining your light brightly, or do you sometimes keep that light to yourself, hidden under a bowl?

It takes some serious courage to shine your light. It might mean standing up for someone else. It might mean being the only one who follows the rules. It might mean telling someone why you go to church, or explaining what you believe about God.

The good thing is that God doesn't ask us to do anything that He hasn't prepared and equipped us to do! So if He asks us to shine His light, He will give us what we need to do it. If you're feeling nervous about being bold to share His story, remember that you were created to tell it!

Think about a situation in your life currently where you need to shine your light. Then talk to God about it:

- 1. Explain the situation to Him. (Yes, He already knows, but He likes for you to talk to Him about it anyway!)
- 2. Ask Him for wisdom and creativity to know the best way to shine your light in this situation.
- 3. Ask Him for courage to follow through.
- 4. Ask Him to use your creativity and courage to light up the world.
- 5. Thank Him for creating you to share His story.



#### Day 4

It can be intimidating to share God's story with others! But like most things in life, practice will make you more confident and courageous.

Find a trusted friend or family member who also follows God and ask them to practice with you. Grab a flashlight and find a dark corner or closet.

Take turns sharing some of God's story with each other. You might talk about how something you saw in God's creation recently reminded you of how great He is. You might tell them your own personal experience of hearing God's story. You could even start with a question—asking them what they think about God. As you get more comfortable talking, turn on the flashlight. Eventually, make your way back into the well-lit room.

If you find this challenging, it's okay! It is for most people! But the more you share, the easier it will become to shine your light.

#### Day 5

Everything God created tells His story. If you've ever been blown away by something in nature, you can see just how awesome and powerful God is.

Take animals, for example. Since animals don't use words like we do, they have different ways to communicate with each other. Like when a bee on a honey-finding mission tells his hive that he's found a field of nectar-filled flowers, he does a little dance to communicate his discovery. Yep. God is pretty creative, right?

Did you know God created you to share His story? And just like the bee, there are all sorts of creative ways you can tell others about Him.

Start by thinking about how you learned God's story. Did a parent tell you that God made you and loves you? Or maybe a friend invited you to church. Or you heard a song about Jesus and realized you wanted to know more.

In a couple of sentences, write down how you heard about the story of God. Now think back to earlier this month when you worked to uncover your creative gifts and your purpose. Think about this... how can you use those things to share God's story with others?

One easy way to share God's story with others is to tell them about how you came to hear God's story. Write down one person's name you'd like to share God's story with. Then, spend a few minutes asking God to help you tell them your own.

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