

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

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Read Genesis 1:27

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Take a Look!

Find a mirror in your house and take a look at yourself. See those eyes, hair, and beautiful skin? God created you just the way He wanted you. Did you know there is no one else exactly like you? It's true.

Grab some paper and some craft supplies. Draw a picture of yourself just as you are right now. Remember to add all the things that make you super special. Make sure to add every beauty mark, freckle, and dimple! God made them all just for you.

Know that God made you so special that there is no one just like you.

DAY
2

Created Cool

God didn't just create you to be cool. He created you to be cool and to tell others about how cool He is. He made everything in heaven and earth, He made you and all of your friends too just to show His love for us. Use your mouth, arms and feet to tell others around you about God.

Take some time this week and tell a friend about how God created them. Tell them that He did it all to show His love for us. Who are you going to talk to this week?

Look for friends that you can talk to about God's creation.

DAY
3

Kids Got Talent

Gather some friends or family members and host a talent show! Ask your contestants to come up with a creative talent that they can perform for the rest of you. Some talents might be singing, creating their own dance, or making funny animal noises. Whatever it is, show off those God-given creative talents!

Know that God has created everyone with their own set of creative talents.

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4

Pray with Your Whole Body

Instead of saying a prayer by just using words, use the body that God has given you to worship Him with music and dance. With adult permission, hop online to hear some great options! A great place to start is YouTube®, **search:** Orange Kid Music and **choose the album:** Focus. The song "Wonderful" is a great option for this!

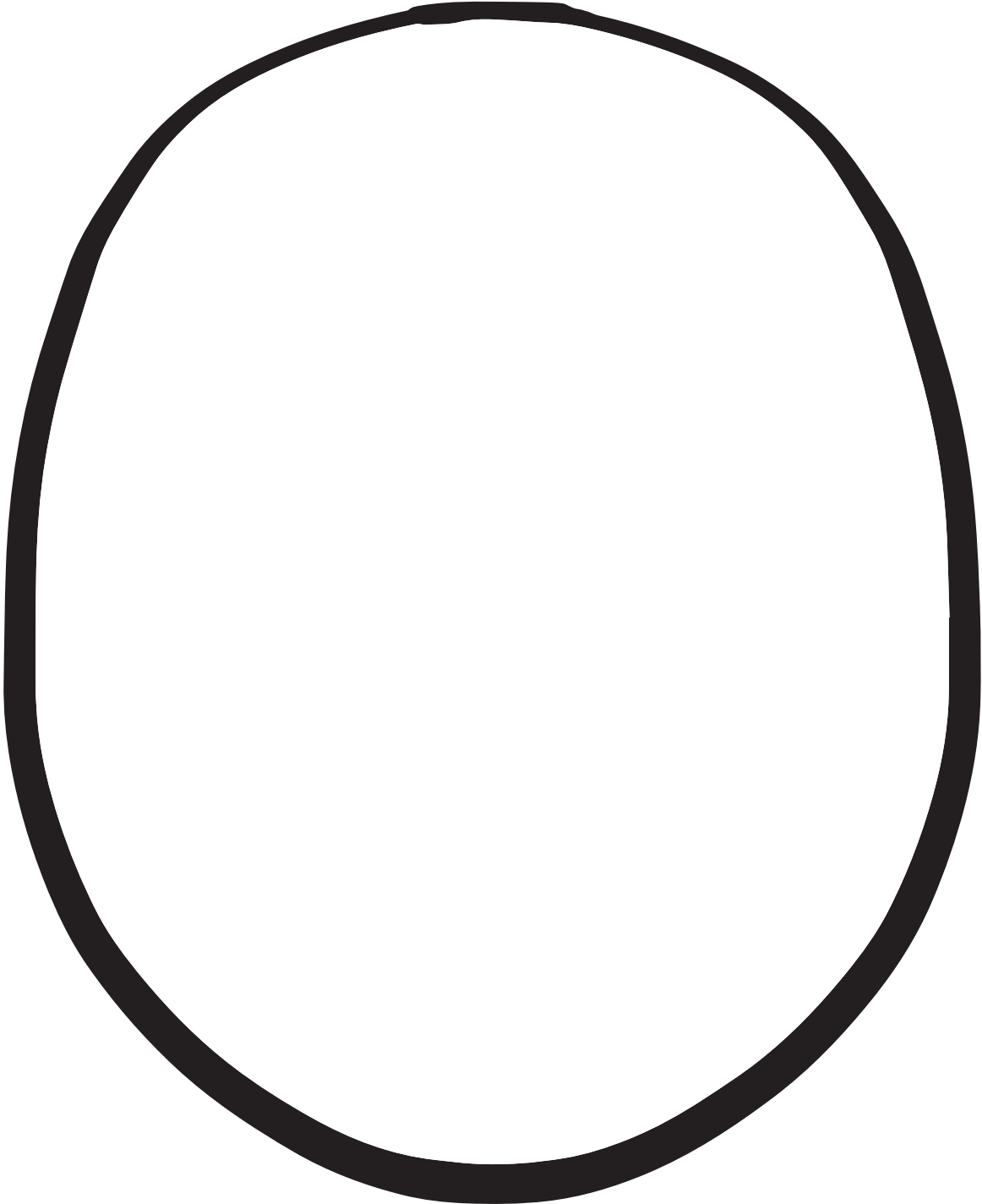
Thank God for allowing you to praise Him with your whole body!



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so you can be creative.

PARENT CUE

**USE THE SHAPE BELOW TO CREATE A SILLY FACE.
GET CREATIVE!**



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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.

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

HOW ARE YOU CREATIVE?

Handwriting lines for journaling.



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: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____



Day 2

Read Ephesians 2:10

As you read Ephesians 2:10, underline the words that indicate something that God did. Then circle the thing we're supposed to do. Use those words to solve this puzzle.

We were _____ by God.

We were _____ in Jesus.

God prepared _____ for us to do.

Made, created, good works...these are inspiring words, aren't they? How amazing does it make you feel to know that the same God who created the planets and the oceans and every animal that exists has a creative, good work for you to do? God created you, so you can be creative.

Day 3

You may have always believed you were creative, but many of us don't feel that way about ourselves. Or even if we believe we're creative, it's tempting to compare our creativity to other's and we feel we come up short.

God reminds us in Ephesians that He created each one of us with a specific gifts and plans in mind. He has good works planned for you that only you can do.

Pick one of the prayers below that matches how you feel about yourself and creativity. Fill in the blanks, and then read the prayer out loud. Try to start every day this week praying this prayer, and then sit back and see what good works God puts in your path for you to do with your own creative flair!

Dear God, sometimes I don't feel creative. I know I'm good at _____, but I also know there are other people who are better at it than I am. Help me see my creativity. Show me how I can use the gifts you've given me to do good works. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Dear God, thank You for giving me the gift of _____. I want to use this gift not just so people will think I'm good at it, but to help other people _____ and show them Your love. Help me to remember that my creativity isn't about me, but about showing people how creative You are and how much You love them. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Day 4

Do you know how you're creative?

Even if you know you're good at singing or painting, there may be some other less obvious ways you're creative too—and all of your creativity can be used to show others how much God loves them!

You can also help others uncover their creativity. Make a list of two or three family members or friends who you think are really creative, but they may not know it. Write their name and how you see them as creative, as well as one or two ways they might be able to use that creativity for good.

Pick at least one of the names and go tell them what you've written! You can tell them in person, write them a note or card, or ask a parent if you can write an email or text to your friend. You can start your message or conversation like this:

Hey, _____, I was challenged in my GodTimes devotional to think of someone who is creative, and I thought of you! I love how God made you good at _____. I was thinking how great it is that you can use that creativity to _____ and show people how great God is!

Day 5

Have you ever thought about how much earthworms can accomplish without any legs, arms or even eyes?!

They can find their way underground by sensing the warmth of the sun and moving away from it, and once underground, they use their slinky bodies to churn up the soil, making holes for the sun and rain to enter, which makes the soil healthy for growing grass, plants, flowers and even fruit and vegetables!

An earthworm does a lot, but we have way more at our disposal to do good things on this planet. Besides having limbs and organs that the worm doesn't have, God has given each one of us our own special brand of creativity. Today, put that creativity to use, and try to use each part of your body for good.

Your mind: Help someone younger than you solve a problem.

Your mouth: Say something encouraging to someone that you find hard to like sometimes.

Your hands: Do a chore that isn't yours—bonus points if you find a creative way to get it done faster (but still do a good job!).

Your feet: Walk to a neighbor's house (with your parent's permission) and deliver something you made: cookies, a piece of art, or a bouquet of flowers you picked (with permission again!).

Learn more about how God made earthworms to play an important role in our world on page 104 of "How Great Is Our God" by Louie Giglio.