



First, watch
this week's
video!

Creativity:
Using your
imagination to
do something
new

Memory Verse

"We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do"
Ephesians 2:10 NIV

Bible Story

Joseph and the Plan to Save Egypt
Genesis 40-41

Bottom Line

You can use what God gave you to solve problems.

Use this guide to help your family learn about creativity.

Activity

Find the Solution

What You Need:

No materials needed

What You Do:

Invite your child to play a game.

Say, "I'll read a problem to you. Then, I want you to find something in our home that may help solve that problem. Ready?"

Read each of the following scenarios. Allow your child to search for something that would be a solution.

- Your [brother/sister] wants to play outside, but it's raining.
- Your [brother/sister] has a math problem that they don't understand.
- Someone spilled a big glass of milk on the floor.
- Your pet seems sad and lonely.
- Someone dropped her earring and can't find it.

When you're finished playing, say, "Just like Joseph in our story today, you can use what God gave you to solve problems."

Talk About the Bible Story

What problem did Joseph face in Egypt? (*He knew that soon, the people wouldn't have enough food to eat*)

What did Joseph use to solve this problem? (*The creativity that God gave him*)

What was Joseph's solution? (*He suggested to the Pharaoh that they should store up food in advance.*)

Can you think of a way that you've solved a problem recently?

Are there any problems you have right now that you can use your creativity to solve?

Parent: Talk about an age-appropriate problem you faced THIS week that required some problem-solving skills. How did you use your creativity to find a solution?

Prayer

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

"God, You are awesome. (*Point up.*) Help us use our eyes to see (*point to eyes*), our ears to listen (*point to ears*), our feet to move to the problem (*point to feet*), and our hands to help (*wave both hands*), so we can SHOW others Your love. (*Place both hands over your heart.*) In Jesus' name we pray, amen."



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Key Question

How have you seen someone solve a problem?

Activity

Big Problem, Bigger Solutions

What You Need:

Device with internet access

What You Do:

Invite your child to watch a video with you.

Using your device, go to bit.ly/3Udjt11 and watch the video.

When the video finishes, ask:

- What problem did Blake Mycoskie want to help solve?
- What would you say is the first step in solving any problem, whether it's big or small?

Say, "The first step in solving a problem is to NOTICE the problem, and then to use the creativity God gave us to find a solution."

Talk About the Bible Story

How did Joseph use his creativity to solve a big problem? (*He suggested to the Pharaoh that they should store up food in advance.*)

What are some big problems in the world that seem impossible to solve?

How do people usually respond when kids your age come up with big ideas or solutions? How do people react, and what do they say? What do you wish would happen?

Have you or any of your friends come up with an idea that would help solve a problem?

What are some of the things you're good at, or that you enjoy, that you could use to help solve problems around you?

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Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for being there for us. We know that we can come to You with our problems, and You always hear us. Show us the strengths and the abilities You've given us to help others when they're facing a problem. Help us to notice what's wrong and step in when we can. In Jesus' name, amen."