

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

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.