AUGUST 2020 • WEEK 2 K-3 PARENT GUIDE

BIBLE STORY

CREATIVIT

HAS NO

We Are God's Creation *Ephesians 2:10*



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LIFE APP

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

BOTTOM LINE

God created you, so you can be creative.

BASIC TRUTH

I can trust God no matter what.

ACTIVITY: CREATED IN CHRIST

WHAT YOU NEED: No supplies needed

WHAT YOU DO:

Guide everyone to gather around you and curl up on the floor, closing their eyes. Say, "Long ago, before you were ever born, God knew you and loved you. He knew that He would create you, and He knew that you would be the incredibly special person you are. And one day, the time came for you to be born."

Guide kids to pantomime growing from babies to the age they are now. You can guide them through the following developmental milestones:

Smiling Rolling from back to stomach and stomach to back Holding their toes while lying on their backs Shaking a "rattle" Sitting Crawling Saying, "Mama" and "Dada" Walking Throwing a "ball" Drinking from a "cup" Running, jumping, and climbing

Next, lead kids to pantomime things they can do now. Encourage them to pantomime things they enjoy doing: playing soccer, drawing, playing video games, reading, or building with blocks. Comment on what each kid is doing and how it's creative.

WHAT YOU SAY:

God created you! You are His VERY SPECIAL creation. And you know what? Long ago, God knew all about you. He knew when you'd smile, when you'd crawl, and when you'd take your first step. He also knew that you'd love to play video games, draw, or build. He not only KNEW that you'd love to do those things—He CREATED you to do them. Wow!

God created you exactly the way that you are! You are His special masterpiece. And you know what? **[Bottom Line] God created you, so you can be creative.** You can use all the things you like to do to love God and show others what He's like. You can praise Him by doing what you're good at and doing what you like. So, remember: **[Bottom Line]** God created you, so you can be creative.

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GOSPEL MOMENT

In Ephesians 2:10, it says, "We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus."

God created us to belong to Jesus. Jesus gave his life so we could have a relationship with Him. And it's our relationship with Jesus that helps us see what people around us might need. We care about people, because people matter to God. We notice when they need something. That makes us want to help them out. So, where does our creativity fit in?

It continues in Ephesians saying, "Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do.

Get it? Once we see what people need, we can use our creativity to find ways to help!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- If we're made in God's image, and God is creative, what does that mean about us? (*We are creative—each in our own way*)
- In what ways are you creative?
- Listen to these words from Ephesians 2:10 (NIrV): "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." What does that verse say about us? (*We belong to Jesus. God created us to do good things.*)
- As a family, let's think about some creative, good things we can do with our gifts, talents, and skills. Remember, God created you, so you can be creative.

PRAYER

God, thank You for creating us with unique skills. Help us to use our talents and creativity to do good things. Remind us that THIS is why You created us—to help and love others. We know we have what it takes because we were created in Your image. We love You! Amen