Indescribable: Your Creator has No Limits

PARENT GUIDE Preteen

Use this guide to help your family learn how God made us to be creative.

First, watch this week's video!

Creativity: Imagining what you could do because you were made in God's image.

Memory Verse

"Lord, you are great. You are really worthy of praise. No one can completely understand how great you are." Psalm 145:3, NIrV

Bible Story

Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-16)

Key Question

Who first told you about God's story?

Activity

Color Coding

What You Need

Old family photos (digital or hard copies)

What You Do

Gather some of your favorite photos of your child. Show them the photos. Tell them the stories behind each one. Ask them how they remember the day or event. Compare your stories, and talk about how you remember the events the same or differently.

Ask your child, "What are some of your favorite memories from growing up? What are some things that you'll never forget? Are there any things that you wish you could forget? What are some of your most embarrassing stories? What are some of your proudest stories?"

Share your own answers to those questions, too.



Talk about the Bible Story

Telling stories can be a powerful experience, right? Who told you the story of Jesus for the first time?

When Jesus told His followers to be the salt and light of the world, what did He mean? (Jesus wants us to tell others about Him and His story.)

Do you think it's important for people who follow Jesus to share His story with others? Why?

How can it be hard or scary to tell others the story of .lesus?

What are some creative ways we can tell others about Jesus? (Write them a note, invite them to a Small Group sleepover, be kind and loving no matter what.)

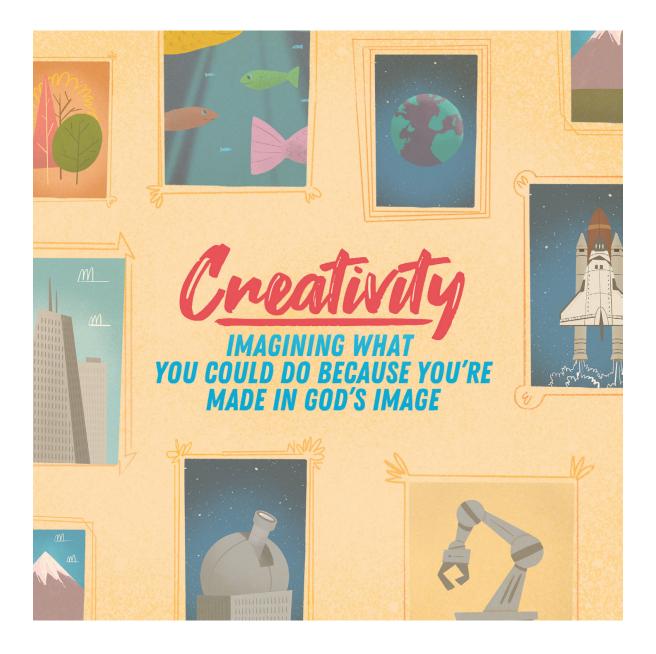
How we live our lives can point others to Jesus, just as much as what we say—and sometimes even more so! Let's make a commitment as a family to use the creativity God gave us to show others that we know and love Jesus. God created us to share His story.

Prayer

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

"God, we are thankful for the gift of your Son, Jesus. Because of Jesus, we can be in Your family forever. Help us look for creative ways to share Your story with others. Help us to live lives that make it obvious that we love and follow You. Thank You for creating us. Thank You for loving us. Amen."

Preteen Week 1



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: _____

Journal	
Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.	
WHERE DO YOU SEE GOD'S CREATIVITY?	



Day 4

There's no limit to God's creativity.

He created galaxies so big we cannot even imagine them, and He created the small amino acids which come together to make peptides which when combined with other chemicals become cells: the building blocks of all of life!

Grab a friend and play the opposite game. But in this version, take turns naming parts of God's creation that are massive versus tiny. Keep going as long as you can—until you can't think of any more, then switch sizes until you run out of ideas again.

Did you finally get stumped? Guess what? God never runs out of ideas or creativity! Isn't that incredible? High-five your friend for playing the game with you, and each of you commit to finding another friend to play the opposite game with this week. It's a great way to share God's limitless creativity with others!

Day 5

Set a timer today and go outside at different times with a journal (or piece of paper) and pen in hand. (If you're reading this late in the day or at night, try doing this tomorrow instead.)

Start by going out early in the morning. Look and listen. Write down something you observe about God's creation.

Try going out again around lunchtime. Maybe even take your lunch outside if you can. What seems different? Do you notice anything new? Then go out again closer to dinnertime. What sounds do you hear? Does the light hit anything differently than it did early this morning?

Lastly, go out after dark. (You can take a parent or a flashlight—or both—if you'd like.) You may not be able to see much on the ground, but what do you see in the sky? And what sounds do you hear filling up the night air?

Go inside and write down your thoughts about God's creation after observing it for an entire day. What was your favorite time of day to observe? Make it a goal to get outside that time of day as much as possible so you can soak up God's creativity!

P.S. Did you enjoy paying attention to the details of God's creation? "How Great Is our God" by Louie Giglio has some other great ideas for soaking up God's creativity. See page 38-39 for one example!

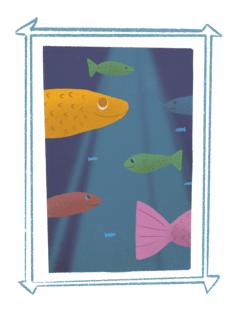
Day 2

Read Genesis 1-2:3

As you read Genesis 1–2:3, circle every noun that is something God created (e.g., land, trees, bird, etc.).

It's truly amazing to think about there being nothing, and then God spoke and there was everything! From the vastness of creating the sun and stars, to the tiniest details in creating ants and seahorses, He created it all!

Look over the words you circled. Which of these parts of creation are your most favorite? If you chose trees, what's your favorite kind of tree? If you chose wild animals, which one is your favorite? Take a minute to thank God for your favorite creations and don't forget to thank Him for creating you too!



Day 3

One important part of talking to God is thanking Him for His gifts to us. It's easy to take the things we see every day for granted.

We might go visit the Grand Canyon and whisper, "Wow, God" as we take in the endless views. Or we might sit on the sand at the beach and think about how big God is as the water stretches on for miles and miles, and thank Him for creating the ocean.

But what about the ladybug that lands on our bike handlebars as we ride to our friend's house? Or the colorful tree that sits right outside our bedroom window? Each of these creations was made by our God; Who has limitless creativity.

Take a couple of minutes to thank God for His creations that are a part of your everyday life. And then as you go throughout your day today, keep the gratitude prayer going. Every time you notice something that God made, thank Him for using His creativity to make such an amazing world!

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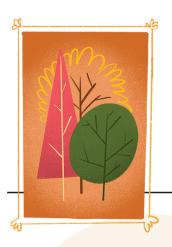
WEEKLY CUES

YOU GOT THIS!

Theme

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REMEMBER THIS

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Week One

Creation
Genesis 1—2:3

Ask This

Where do you see God's creativity?

Do This



Morning Time

Write a note on your preteen's door or mirror, "I am so grateful God made you! Take some time today to notice all of the other wonderful things God has made. Make a mental list and share it with me later."

When kids begin to understand they are made in the image of God, they tend to look at the world and themselves in a different way.

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