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LEADER and PARENT GUIDE TO SEEING GOD'S CREATIVITY

Wherever we look, God's creativity is evident. From the uniqueness of animals to breathtaking landscapes, not to mention the expansive universe filled with solar systems galore, God wants us to discover His creation. When we really look around us at all that God has created, it reminds us how awesome He is. Best of all, God uniquely and beautifully created us in His image. God made us with a purpose and a plan in mind, and He wants us to use our creativity to find that purpose so we can impact those around us. Creativity means imagining what you could do because you're made in God's image. There's no limit to God's creativity, and therefore there's no limit to how we can creatively partner with what God is doing for His glory. Through several stories in the Old and New Testaments, we can see how people like Esther used their God-given creativity to discover their part in God's plan.

When Esther was first crowned queen, she didn't understand her purpose. However, God's will quickly became clear when Esther's cousin, Mordecai, uncovered Haman's plot to kill all of the Jewish people. Esther and Mordecai put their creativity into action by devising a plan to trap Haman and expose his plot to kill their people. Their plan succeeded and God's people were saved! Just like Esther, God created you for a purpose. Figuring out your purpose can take some time, but recognizing what you enjoy doing and what you are good at can help you discover God's purpose for your life. Once you've discovered your talents, you can use your God-given strengths to make a difference in the world by impacting and meeting the needs of those around you.

Another example of creativity can be found in the book of Mark, where four friends used their creative minds to help their paralyzed friend reach Jesus. Even though their friend couldn't walk, they believed that Jesus could heal him. When they found Jesus, the room was too packed for them to enter. The four friends knew that they needed to enter another way, so they creatively pulled the roof apart and lowered their friend down. Not only did Jesus heal the man, but because of their faith, He forgave his sins. Just like the four friends in our story, you can often do so much more with others than you can do alone. Sometimes it seems easier to work on your own, instead of working with those around us, but God created us to work with others. Because we are all made in the image of God, each of us reflects just a little bit of God to the world around us. When we work together within the body of Christ, we reflect even more of who God is to the world.

In Ephesians, Paul reminds us that we were created in Christ Jesus to do good works that God prepared in advance for us. If someone is not artistic or musical, they can feel like they are not creative, but that's not true. God created all of us in His image with various gifts and talents so that we can all be creative like Him. The world is so much more interesting because we are different and can show our creativity in various ways. When Paul talks about 'good works,' he means that we can use the unique ways that God has designed us to show His love to other people. No matter how you're gifted, use your creativity for good and remember to always give God the glory for the way that He created you. When we creatively use our God-given gifts to solve the problems we face, we can truly reflect the image of God and glorify Him to those around us.

Ultimately, God made you to be creative so that you can share His story. Jesus told us, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden" (Matt. 5:14). God created each of us for a reason, and a major part of that is to be the light of Jesus by sharing His grace, salvation, and love with the world. Jesus has done so much for us. He gave up His life and rose from the dead so that we can have a relationship with God, now and forever. When we believe in Jesus, His light shines in us through the Holy Spirit. Through our creativity, we can show others the character of God through His Spirit living in us. By tapping into God's endless creativity and by using the talents that He uniquely gave each one of us, we can find our purpose, learn to work with others, share God's story, and show God's love to everyone around us.



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READ ESTHER 4:6-17, 7:1-6

1. How did Esther learn what God's purpose was for her? Mordecai reminded Esther that maybe she came to the kingdom "for such a time as this." Mordecai helped Esther realize that her purpose was to save her people.
2. How did Esther and Mordecai use creativity to save their people? Instead of immediately begging the king to save her people, Esther used her creativity and invited the king and Haman to a banquet where she exposed Haman's evil deeds. Mordecai organized people to fast and pray over the queen for several days.

READ MARK 2:1-12, EPHESIANS 2:10

3. How did the paralytic's friends use creativity to get him to Jesus? Through their creativity, the paralytic's friends figured out a way to remove the roof and lower their friend to Jesus.
4. What did Jesus do that showed that He was God after He met the paralytic? Jesus chose to forgive the sins of the paralytic. By forgiving the paralytic's sins, Jesus showed that He was God, because only God can forgive sins.
5. What did God create us for? God created us to do good works that He prepared for us in advance.

READ MEMORY VERSE

6. What are some creative ways that you can praise God for how great He is? We can praise God by singing, praying, writing poems about God, thanking Him, enjoying His creation, and talking about Jesus. We can also praise God through using our talents, such as helping others, playing sports, building things, working with new technology, making people laugh, etc.

LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

7. How are you creative, and how can working with others make you more creative? There are many ways that you can be creative, such as in sports, leadership, problem solving, helping people, art, music, etc. By working together with others, you can combine your creativity with theirs. Together you could create something incredible!
8. Where do you see God's creativity? We can see God's creativity all around us in nature, in animals, in other people, and in our own lives.
9. How can you figure out what your purpose is, and what do you think that might be? Answers may vary. Sometimes it can be really tough to find your purpose. A great way to start is by figuring out what you're good at and how you can use that to help others. Pray that God will keep your eyes open for opportunities. You can always ask a trusted Christian leader to help you figure out what your purpose might be.



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