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

Creation (Genesis 1-2:3)

Key Question

Where do you see God's creativity?

Activity

Color Coding

What You Need

Paper and pencil (optional)

What You Do

Tell your child: "One of us will read a color from a list. Then, we'll go back and forth, naming all the things in nature that are that color. The person who thinks of the last thing wins the round."

Say each color out loud. Go back and forth, naming all the things in nature that are that color. (Example: green—frog, grass, leaves, etc.)

- green
- yellow
- orange
- blue
- purple
- red
- white
- black

If you want a variation, about halfway through the colors, grab a sheet of paper and a pencil for both you and your child. Read the remaining colors aloud. Then, individually, write down as many things in nature that are that color that you can think of. Compare lists. Mark out any items that you both wrote down. Award points for each unique item that each of you thought of. Keep score and reward the winner with a treat!

Talk about the Bible Story

God made the Earth and everything in it. When you think about all the things in nature that God created, which thing amazes you the most?

Think back to the order God created things. What was the last thing God created? (*People.*) What do you think that means about people? (*God saved the best for last;* we're His most prized creation.)

God says that we were made in His image. What do you think that means? (We were created to think, feel, and act a little bit like God.)

Think about all the things God created—like sunsets, stars, beaches, kittens, and people. What do all these things say about God's character? (*That He is artistic, funny, brilliant, powerful, loving.*)

If we are created in God's image, what does that say about us? (That we can do of all those things too!)

God dreamed up and created incredible things—every flower, every sunrise, every bird you see flying in the sky, and even the beautiful, unique face you see when you look in the mirror. God did that. He is AMAZING! There is no limit to His creativity.

Prayer

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

"God, thank You for creating the world and everything in it. You painted the sky and the sea with the sound of Your words. We stand in awe of Your power and creativity. And because You created us to think and act like You, we know that we can be creative, funny, artistic, brilliant, powerful, loving, and limitless—all with Your help. Thank You for your incredible creation. We love You. Amen."

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?

Preteen



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:

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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!

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!