

Creativity Activities

In Our Creator's Image

The Creation Story tells us that we are made in the image of God. While we reflect God's image in many ways, one of the more "fun" ways we are like our God is that human beings are creative—like our Creator God!

Though we can't truly create out of nothing in the same way God can, the creativity of humans through the ages have given us everything from the wheel to great works of art to cures for diseases. We love to discover and create! Just like our God.

Read Genesis 1:26-27 together and then spend some time talking about this as a family.

Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness... So God create humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them, male and female he created them."

Go around and ask these questions:

1. What does it mean to be "made in the image of God"?
2. What does "creative" mean?
3. What's a favorite thing that God created?
4. What's something you love to create—or hope to create? Be creative!

Create a Plant or Animal

Ever think about the fun God must've had as God plotted and planned creation? As God dreamed up creatures and trees and then went about creating them? Ever wonder about the thought process that went into creating each and every living thing?

As a way to appreciate the complexity of God and of God's boundless creativity (and brilliance!), try creating a plant or animal of your own using materials around the house.

You can do this together as a family—or as individuals. Be as wildly creative as can be.

And be sure to name your plant or animal—and share what it does.

Story Prompts

While sometimes creativity is needed for very serious solutions or very important works, other times being creative is just plain fun. And silly! And believe it or not, God likes silly! Several times, the Bible describes God as smiling—at his people. It's nice to imagine it's because God not only loves us so much, but enjoys when we enjoy a good laugh.

As an exercise in some holy, creative silliness, try this story-prompt game. Have everyone in your family sit around in a circle. One person reads the “prompt,” then the next person (moving clockwise) makes up the next sentence in the story. The story can be as long or short as you want (though do make it through every family member at least twice!), and it can be as silly, spooky, or serious, but no matter what, enjoy the process of creativity.

Here are some prompts to get you started (feel free to make up your own!):

As the storm rumbled in, a horse whinnied....

The girl in the blue dress dropped her red notebook....

The school bell rang. All the children looked at one another...

The old man looked at his watch. It was now or never....

The boy stood at the edge of the diving board. A dog barked in the distance....

Imagination

A key part of Creativity is using our imagination. And imagination is also an important part of our faith life. For a couple of reasons. One, if we can't imagine God (especially God with us) or imagine that Jesus rose from the dead, where would we be? And two, because in the Bible, we read that God can do more for us than we can imagine.

Ephesians 3:20 says, "Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than we can ask or imagine."

This is a call for us to engage our imaginations in what God can do for us—but not to be limited by them!

As a family, talk about things you've been praying and hoping (wishing!) for. Then, imagine ways God might be at work in these things. Think of the creative ways God has answered prayer for you in the past.