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DAY 1

Read Psalm 104:24

Grab a piece of paper and a pencil and have an adult set a timer for two minutes. As the timer runs down, make a list of everything you can think of that God made.

Write the total number of items you listed here:

You could set a timer for another two minutes and come up with a completely new list of things God created. As our verse tells us, God made all things. There's no limit to God's creativity!

Creativity is imagining what you could do because you were made in God's image. It's pretty awesome to think about the fact that the God who created everything on your list also created you. And He loves you more than you could possibly imagine.

Circle five of your favorite things on the list you created. Spend some time in prayer thanking God for those five things!

DAY 2

Read Jeremiah 10:12

Have you ever caught a lizard or firefly in a jar to observe it? Ever looked closely at a leaf or blade of grass? There's a lot you could learn by studying that lizard or looking at the leaf under a microscope. But even a super smart entomologist (a person that studies insects) and botanists (a person that studies plants), can't create a lizard or leaf with all that knowledge. Only God can do that. By His power He made the earth. His wisdom and understanding created all the insects and plants and everything else that fills our world.

The amount of creativity and skill it took to create the world around us is too much for us to imagine. But that same God who made it all by His power loves you. And He made you to be creative too.

Collect several leaves from outside. Grab a sheet of paper and a crayon. Lay the leaf on a flat surface and place the paper on top. Peel some of the paper off of the crayon, lay it on its side and rub it over the page to create a leaf rubbing. At the bottom of the page, write out today's verse.



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DAY 3

Read Colossians 1:16-17

Write out Colossians 1:16-17 on a piece of paper. When you're finished, underline the word "created" every time it appears in the verse.

In six different places, today's verses tell us that God created. He created the heavens and the earth. He created all the things we see like vast oceans and majestic mountain ranges. He created all the things we can't see, like the tiniest cells inside our bodies and the smallest sea creatures in the ocean. Have you ever seen an Octopus Wolfi? It's so small it fits on the tip of your finger. (Ask an adult to look up "Pictures of Octopus Wolfi" to see for yourself. They're adorable.)

All things were created by God and for God. That means that nothing in creation was an accident or surprise to God. He was intentional in His creativity, including in the amazingly monumentally awesome way He made you! There is no limit to God's creativity.



DAY 4

Read Isaiah 40:26

How many stars are there in our solar system? Can you count them? This is actually a trick question. Most scientists agree that there is only one star in our solar system, the sun! When you see a sky full of stars, that's actually the Milky Way galaxy (our solar system is inside the Milky Way) which holds several billion stars.

Can you count to a billion? Want to know something else crazy? Most stars are what scientists call binary stars. Bi means two, like a bicycle has two wheels. These binary stars are two stars circling each other. About 80 to 85 percent of the stars are binary. Whoa.

God not only counts the stars, He names them. That's how amazing our God is. He is big enough to place the sun in our solar system and over a billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy. There is no limit to His power and creativity.

Head outside tonight and look up at the sky. Pick a star and give it a name of your own. Thank God for being creative enough and big enough to create a galaxy full of stars and personal enough to hear your prayers.

P.S. Did you enjoy learning details of God's creation of the sky? "How Great Is our God" by Louie Giglio has some other great ideas for soaking up God's creativity.



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DAY 1

Read Psalm 139:13-14

Have you ever seen a grainy black and white sonogram picture of a growing baby? You know, the picture a pregnant woman receives of her baby while it's still in her tummy? Isn't it amazing that doctors can "see" that precious baby before it's ever born?

God created that precious little one. And even as that baby grows and develops, God already has a plan for that little baby. God had a plan for you even when you were just a grainy picture. God knew you long before your mom or dad or best friend knew you.

One of the amazing things about our infinitely loving and creative God is that He's made us to be creative too. He's given you a mind to figure out new solutions to problems, hands to create and help, a mouth to speak truth in love and feet to get you where you need to go to get a job done. There is no one in all of creation exactly like you. And the best way to honor God for the wonderful way He made you is to use your creativity to make a unique mark on the world.

DAY 2

Read Isaiah 64:8

Grab a big lump of clay or play dough. Set a timer for three minutes and sculpt something out of that play dough. Ready? Go.

What did you create? Write it here:

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That lump of play dough didn't look like much before you started sculpting it. It had no form, or shape or purpose. But in your creative hands, it now has a recognizable shape, right? Okay, maybe three minutes wasn't quite long enough to get it just right, but you get the idea.

Imagine you are that play dough and God is the sculptor. Because God is intentional and purposeful in all He does, He made you exactly the way He wanted you to be. And all that creativity He used to create you is in you. It's what allows you to see a lump a play dough and create something amazing. God created you so you can be creative.

Hold your play dough sculpture and tell God how thankful you are for the amazingly creative way He's made you!

God created you so you can be creative.

DAY 3

Read Genesis 1:27

Ask an adult if you can borrow a cell phone and snap a selfie. Go ahead and strike a silly pose.

Now take a look at that picture. It's an image of you. A photo. It's not really you. That image can't walk and talk and breathe (though it does look exactly like you!). And it does show us quite a bit about what you are like, including a little window into your personality.

In the same way a selfie reflects an image of the person in the picture, you are made in the image of God!

You aren't God of course, but of all the wonderful things God made, people—you and me—are most like Him. We can think and feel and laugh and play and love others. We can read and draw and create.

Grab a piece of paper and whatever art supplies you have on hand. Create anything you'd like; the sky is the limit. Somewhere on the page write this week's bottom line: God created you, so you can be creative.



DAY 4

Read Ephesians 2:10

What's your favorite animal? Write it in the space below:

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What do you know about your favorite animal? What kind of habitat or climate does it live in? What does it eat? Ask an adult to help you do a little research to answer these questions.

Did you know that of all the amazingly creatures God made, you to stand out above the rest? And while it might be cool to shoot water from your trunk like an elephant or push through the dirt like an earthworm, you are more important to God than any animal, even your favorite one.

Why? Because God created and made a way for us to have a relationship with Him, forever! When we put our trust in Jesus, we become a part of God's family. And once we understand that purpose, we can begin to see all the amazing plans God has for each one of us. From eyes that see, to ears that hear, to feet that run, to brains that solve problems, you are one big amazing body of wonder.

Write down three unique parts of you. As you pray today, thank God for those unique "body parts" and ask Him to help you use them creatively to do good in the world around you.



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DAY 1

Read Esther 4:14

You know the story of Goldilocks and three bears? Goldilocks kept looking for the bowl of porridge and the comfy chair and bed that was “just right.” That phrase, “just right” inspired scientists to name the spot where earth is perfectly placed as the Goldilocks Zone or Habitable Zone. If our earth were any closer to the sun, we’d all burn to a crisp and if it were any further away, our planet would turn into one giant snowball.

But it's not just planets. **God places people perfectly too.** Think about Esther. When Haman plotted to have her own people killed, her cousin Mordecai spoke these words, “It’s possible that you became queen for a time just like this.” We know the rest of the story. Esther courageously spoke the truth and saved her people.

God made you and there is no one in the world (or in the history of people) exactly like you. That means that God has a unique and important purpose for your life. Just as He placed Esther in exactly the right time and place “for a time just like this” God created and who you are is “just right.”

DAY 2

Read Jeremiah 29:11

Do you like to cook or bake? In order to create something tasty, it's best to follow a recipe. It is possible to grab some ingredients and to throw them in a pan without a plan. But the end result probably wouldn't be as yummy.

Having a plan is a good thing. And guess what? According to Jeremiah, God has a plan for your life. His plans for you are good. Plans for you to succeed and keep you from harm.

You might be thinking, “Awesome! Where can I look up this step by step plan?” Fortunately, God's plans for you are bigger and better than any recipe. He loves you and He wants you to trust Him, day by day to show you all the amazing things He has in store for you. God created you for a purpose, which means there is something you and only you can do.

Ask your mom or dad if you can help with dinner tonight. Pick out a favorite recipe to follow together. Then read today's verse aloud and pray together as you gather around the table, thanking God for the good plans and purpose He has for you!

God created you
for a purpose.

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Read Deuteronomy 31:8

When you look up into the night sky, it really does seem like it's a galaxy far, far away. But technically, space begins where earth's atmosphere ends. Scientists call this the Karman Line. Scientists differ on exactly where this line falls (most say 62 miles, but some, including NASA scientists place it 50 miles from sea level). Either way, if we had a super space highway, you could technically drive a car straight up and be in space within an hour or so!

Even though space seems so far away, it's really not. Sometimes God can feel very far away too. But even in the scary and uncertain times, God is still in charge. He is with you, even when He seems far away. He created you for a purpose and He loves you. God is by your side, every day and nothing can separate you from Him.

Grab a piece of paper and write down three things you're worried about. Ask Him to remind you that He goes ahead of you and that He is with you. Thank Him for creating you for a purpose and ask Him to show you each day how you can follow him.

If you're interested in learning more about how God's creation is in relation with the world around us, check out "How Great Is Our God" by Louie Giglio.

Read Proverbs 19:21

Have you ever made a plan that didn't go the way you thought it would? Maybe you planned to go to the pool on your last day of summer break, only to wake up to rain outside the window. Maybe you planned to play with your best friend but he's sick.

Plans aren't bad. In fact, it's good to have a plan so you can get more done. But when it comes to your future, we shouldn't hold on to our own ideas so tightly. Because God made you for a purpose. As you grow, you'll discover God's big purpose for you. That's why it's so important to trust God and walk with Him day by day. **He made you and He has BIG things in store.**

As you pray tonight before going to sleep, spend some time thanking God for the day that's passed. As you think about tomorrow, open your palm out flat (instead of a closed-up fist) and say, "God I know you have a plan for me. I don't want to miss it. Thanks for loving me and creating me with a purpose. In Jesus' name, amen."



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DAY 2

DAY 1

Read Genesis 2:18

Imagine you are Adam, the first person ever created. You're surrounded by beauty, far beyond imagination. It's not too hot or too cold and there's plenty of delicious food to eat. You're given the job of tending to this beautiful garden. But it doesn't feel like work, it's fun!

Then God gives you the coolest job of all—naming the animals! You name the elephants, toucans, jellyfish, frogs and all the rest. But none of these amazing creatures are quite right for you. They can't think or feel or talk or love in the way you can. So, God creates a helper, Eve.

From the very beginning, God created us to need each other, work together and help each other. That's why big projects are easier to tackle with friends. It isn't good to be alone. God created us to help one another.

Grab a piece of paper and draw an animal of your own creation. Then, ask a friend to help you come up with a creative name! Thank God for the friends He's given you and ask Him to help you be a good friend too knowing that God created you to help others.

Read Romans 12:4-5

Do you remember the song "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes?" Go ahead, you can sing it if you want.

You probably learned this song as a preschooler to help you to identify different parts of your body. It's hard to imagine but there really was a time when you didn't know your knee from your elbow.

Just like a body has different parts that do very different things, God has given people different skills and abilities. Whatever job we've been given, we should do it with all our ability. Everyone is important, that's why God made each of us unique and gifted in our own way.

Sing the words below to the tune of "Head, Shoulder, Knees and Toes." Grab a friend or sibling to help you create some fun motions too:

One body, many parts, many parts.

Head and shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.

(Repeat)

Altogether is more fun, made by to God work as one.

Your eyes and ears and mouth and nose.

One body, many parts, many parts.

Head and shoulders, knees and toes, knees and toes.



God created you to work with others.

DAY 3

Read Hebrews 10:24

Lifting something heavy. Planting a garden. Building a fort. Playing catch. Or tag. Or hide and go seek. In the space below, list some other things that are easier or more FUN with friends:

There are some things that are easier and way more fun with friends! This week, we're taking a look at how God created you to work with others. And today's verse gives us a great big clue about how to do this.

Did you catch the "stir each other up" part? What happens when you stir two things together? It becomes one new even better combination. When we "stir" or motivate each other in love, we can do more good together.

Think about the unique way God made you. Do you like to draw or paint or create? Do you like to sing or perform? Do you like to plan or organize? Now, think of one way you can use your unique abilities to love and to stir up or motivate others to do good too. Now pick one friend and follow through by encouraging them in the unique way that only you can.



DAY 4

Read 1 Peter 3:8

Let's talk about coral! While it might look like a rock or a plant, it's actually an animal. Each piece of coral that you see is made of hundreds, possibly thousands, of individual coral called polyps (POL-ips). These polyps all mass together pulling the calcium from seawater to produce that recognizable rocky appearance. Coral also provides shelter to hundreds—sometimes thousands—of sea creatures. It's a safe place for fish to lay their eggs, even acting as a sort of nurse for the babies of larger fish until they are big enough to swim on their own.

Studying coral helps us understand the idea of unity or cooperation—working together as one. It's what Peter is talking about when he asks us to "agree with one another, to be kind and humble and understanding and to love one another." Because when we stick together, we can get way more done. Just like God created those individual polyps to work together, God created you to work with others.

Write out the words of today's verse on an index card. Put it in your lunchbox or backpack. When you're at school tomorrow, read the verse and ask God to help you be kind, understanding and loving toward others in cooperation and unity.

You may just be one "polyp," but you're pretty powerful when you work with others. For more inspiration, see pages 120 and 121 in "How Great Is Our God" by Louie Giglio.



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DAY 1

Read Psalm 145:3

Have you ever thought about what God looks like? Do you have a picture in our mind? Maybe you think of a version of Santa Claus with a long white beard or a powerful king sitting on a beautiful throne. Imagining is just one of the wonderful abilities God built into each one of us!

God did give us a glimpse of Himself. Because God sent Jesus, His only Son, to show us who He is. Jesus grew up just like you're growing up. He had friends and siblings, chores and schoolwork. He may have even learned to build things in his dad's carpenter shop.

Jesus taught people about God, healed the sick, calmed storms and performed amazing miracles. But His purpose for living here on earth was to save us! The things we do that we know are wrong separate us from God. When Jesus chose to die on the cross, He took our punishment on Himself to make a way for us to be part of God's family forever.

So while we can never really understand just how great God is, we can have a relationship with Him through Jesus. God created you to share His story because everyone needs to hear the good news about Jesus!

DAY 2

Read Matthew 5:13

Circle the foods below that are better with salt:

Saltine crackers French fries

Fruit Salad Hamburger

Chocolate Chip Ice Cream Pizza

Chips Pretzels Popcorn

Have you ever eaten a pretzel or a tortilla chip without salt? Without that salt, it's not nearly as tasty. As followers of Jesus, we are to act like that salt, making the world around a much better, friendlier, more loving place to live. When we love others like Jesus loves us, when we're honest and trustworthy, we spread spiritual salt all around.

Jesus also warns that we can lose that saltiness. That's why it's so important to stay connected to Jesus by reading His words in the Bible, going to church to learn more about Him and spending time talking to Him in prayer. We were made so that we could tell others about Jesus and be "salt" to make a difference in the world around us! God created you to share His story.



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DAY 3

Read Matthew 5:14-16

Grab a flashlight and head to the darkest room in your house (like a bathroom without windows). Take your Bible and GodTime card along. Turn off the light, close the door and count to sixty. When you finish counting, turn on the flashlight.

Did you make it the whole sixty seconds? Would you want to live in darkness like that all the time? No way! You wouldn't know where to go and you'd probably be a little scared.

In a similar way, that's what it feels like for a person who doesn't know the good news about Jesus. They're really in the dark without a purpose. Imagine not knowing that you were made by God because He loves you. Imagine never hearing that Jesus loves you and that He made a way for you to be a part of God's family forever?

You are like that flashlight to the people around you. Because you were made by God to share His story, it's up to you to shine a light and point others to God.

Every time you hit a light switch this week, ask God to help you be a light and tell others about Jesus by the words you say and the way you act!

DAY 4

Read Mark 16:15

Did you know that animals can talk? They might not speak in words like humans do but they definitely communicate with each other.

Fun facts:

- ➔ When a scout bee spots the perfect flower, he flies back to the hive and does a little happy dance to let his other bee friends know where the good stuff is.
- ➔ White tailed deer use the white underside of their tails to warn of a predator or let that predator know it's been spotted.
- ➔ Gorillas hum when dinner is ready and to show they're happy. When a gorilla sticks out its tongue, that's usually a sign they're angry.

If God was careful to give the animals so many ways to communicate, just think about the time and care He took with you. He gave you a mouth to speak and the most important message you could ever share is to tell everyone the good news about Jesus!

Grab a piece of paper and draw a large mouth. You can check out your smile in the mirror to get it just right. Then draw a large mouth bubble and write the words of today's verse in the center. Place this picture in a spot where everyone in your home can see it!

If you find you need more inspiration, read some more fun stories of how God created animals to communicate in different ways on pages 140 and 141 of "How Great Is Our God" by Louie Giglio.



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