

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

HOW ARE YOU CREATIVE?

Lined writing area for journaling.



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!

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After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked: _____

2. You learned: _____

3. You'd like to know: _____





Day 2

Read Ephesians 2:10

As you read Ephesians 2:10, underline the words that indicate something that God did. Then circle the thing we're supposed to do. Use those words to solve this puzzle.

We were _____ by God.

We were _____ in Jesus.

God prepared _____ for us to do.

Made, created, good works...these are inspiring words, aren't they? How amazing does it make you feel to know that the same God who created the planets and the oceans and every animal that exists has a creative, good work for you to do? God created you, so you can be creative.

Day 3

You may have always believed you were creative, but many of us don't feel that way about ourselves. Or even if we believe we're creative, it's tempting to compare our creativity to other's and we feel we come up short.

God reminds us in Ephesians that He created each one of us with a specific gifts and plans in mind. He has good works planned for you that only you can do.

Pick one of the prayers below that matches how you feel about yourself and creativity. Fill in the blanks, and then read the prayer out loud. Try to start every day this week praying this prayer, and then sit back and see what good works God puts in your path for you to do with your own creative flair!

Dear God, sometimes I don't feel creative. I know I'm good at _____, but I also know there are other people who are better at it than I am. Help me see my creativity. Show me how I can use the gifts you've given me to do good works. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Dear God, thank You for giving me the gift of _____. I want to use this gift not just so people will think I'm good at it, but to help other people _____ and show them Your love. Help me to remember that my creativity isn't about me, but about showing people how creative You are and how much You love them. In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen.

Day 4

Do you know how you're creative?

Even if you know you're good at singing or painting, there may be some other less obvious ways you're creative too—and all of your creativity can be used to show others how much God loves them!

You can also help others uncover their creativity. Make a list of two or three family members or friends who you think are really creative, but they may not know it. Write their name and how you see them as creative, as well as one or two ways they might be able to use that creativity for good.

Pick at least one of the names and go tell them what you've written! You can tell them in person, write them a note or card, or ask a parent if you can write an email or text to your friend. You can start your message or conversation like this:

Hey, _____, I was challenged in my GodTimes devotional to think of someone who is creative, and I thought of you! I love how God made you good at _____. I was thinking how great it is that you can use that creativity to _____ and show people how great God is!

Day 5

Have you ever thought about how much earthworms can accomplish without any legs, arms or even eyes?!

They can find their way underground by sensing the warmth of the sun and moving away from it, and once underground, they use their slinky bodies to churn up the soil, making holes for the sun and rain to enter, which makes the soil healthy for growing grass, plants, flowers and even fruit and vegetables!

An earthworm does a lot, but we have way more at our disposal to do good things on this planet. Besides having limbs and organs that the worm doesn't have, God has given each one of us our own special brand of creativity. Today, put that creativity to use, and try to use each part of your body for good.

Your mind: Help someone younger than you solve a problem.

Your mouth: Say something encouraging to someone that you find hard to like sometimes.

Your hands: Do a chore that isn't yours—bonus points if you find a creative way to get it done faster (but still do a good job!).

Your feet: Walk to a neighbor's house (with your parent's permission) and deliver something you made: cookies, a piece of art, or a bouquet of flowers you picked (with permission again!).

Learn more about how God made earthworms to play an important role in our world on page 104 of "How Great Is Our God" by Louie Giglio.