



Weaving faith into everyday life through the value of...**CREATIVITY**

Wonder: Get Curious About CREATIVITY

Creativity involves using your imagination to make something new: stories, songs, art, games, solutions to problems, recipes, and more. Everyone has creativity—after all, everyone is made in the image of the Creator, God. What is your favorite way to be creative?

Connecting Faith with CREATIVITY:

Explore the creation story (Genesis 1:2–2:3) creatively. Some ideas:

- Read the full passage in one sitting or divide it up over several days.
- Use string, pipe cleaners or play dough to shape parts of creation.
- Draw, paint or use blocks to re-create the story.
- Write a creation song or poem together.

Scan the QR code to see Carolyn Windy's Genesis 1 painting.
How do you picture the creation story?



Faith practice: Behold! Watch a sunset or moonrise. Watch birds fly or squirrels play. Notice rain falling and wind blowing. Listen for laughter, notice love. Take in the world around you: animals, plants, people. Pause and behold with wonder all that is God's creation. How beautiful! How abundant!

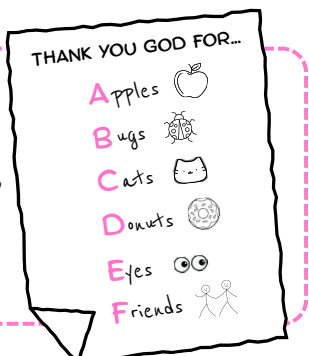


Create a Garden

Use your imagination to create a garden. It could be a plant garden, a rock garden, a fairy garden, a dinosaur garden, a quote garden, an idea garden, or any kind of other garden. Let your imagination lead the way as you co-create with your family—and with God.

Alphabet Prayers

Using the letters of the alphabet as a guide, create a thank you prayer to God, naming or drawing something created by God for each letter. How many different alphabet prayers can you make?





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Between—the—Seams

Let go of the need to get it 'right.'

As an image-bearer of the Creator, you are a creative child of God—no matter how old you are! To be creative is to imagine new ideas or ways of doing things. As a parent or caregiver, that's exactly what you do each day. Whether you're talking a toddler through a transition; turning 'it's time to tidy up' into a game; helping your child solve a problem by reframing it; or making a meal out of leftovers, you are tapping into your creativity.

You were created to create. And guess what? The God who designed you to be creative doesn't expect perfection from you in your art, your parenting, or any other part of your life. (Phew!) God delights in your creativity. After all, God designed you that way.

Two ideas for tapping into your creativity:

Reflect and connect. What creative experiences spark joy in you? What creative practices connect you with God? If you didn't worry about getting it 'right' what would you like to try or make just for fun? Connect with the Creator as you create.

Follow your child's lead. Watch them build, pretend, draw, sing, and imagine their own world. Then join in. Ask questions. Get messy. Be curious. See where it takes you.

Prayer

Prayer can look like this: watching trees dance in the wind, noticing a bird in flight, gazing at the stars and whispering, "Wow."

To behold creation is to honor the Creator. This week, pause. Notice. Breathe. That's enough.

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