

6KIDS HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE
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Life App Definition

Creativity — imagining what you could do because you were made in God's image

Main Idea

Paul reminds us that we are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus, and now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do. Because we are created in God's image, we have the ability to create. We often think about creativity only in terms of the creative arts. But creativity is so much more than that. When we use our God-given abilities to solve the problems we face, we are tapping into what it means to reflect the image of God. No matter how we are gifted, God can use our creativity for good.

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).

Bottom Line

God created you, so you can be creative.

Small-Group Discussion

Review the story and use the following questions to reinforce the lesson learned from the story.

- Why is it important to know that God created you?
- Does believing that God created you make a difference in the way you live? Why or why not?
- What do you know about God based on the verse Ephesians 2:10(NIRV)?
- What do you know about people based on that verse?
- Picture the world without creativity. What would change if God had not given us the ability to be creative?
- What are some ways that you are creative?
- How can God use your creativity?

Object Lesson

The following activity is intended to help your children apply the lesson that was learned in today's House Party. Complete the activity as a family by following the steps below.

Supplies Needed

- ❑ Paper or cardstock
- ❑ Markers, crayons, or colored pencils

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- Give your child a piece of paper or card stock.
- Show kids how they can use markers, crayons, or colored pencils to trace their hands onto the card stock.
- As they work, review Ephesians 2:10 and talk about the meaning of the phrase "We are God's handiwork."
- Explain that being God's handiwork means that we were created by God.
 - We are His special, favorite creation—we are His masterpiece, His BEST work of art!
 - Emphasize that since God created us, we can be creative, too.
- Encourage kids to name ways they are creative.
 - They may say that they're good at art, dancing, or music, but be sure to help them think outside the box, too.
 - Solving puzzles, building amazing things with blocks or toys, being a whiz at technology, thinking of ways to help animals, caring for the world God made, cheering up someone who is sad, and helping friends get along are also examples of creativity.
- Lead kids to draw or write within their handprint the ways that they're creative. Then invite them to decorate their handprints as they choose.
- They can add colorful designs, shapes, or patterns.
- Their creativity is the only limit!
- Share with your children that we all are God's special creation. There's NO ONE exactly like each of us, and like our bottom line today says, **"God created you, so you can be creative."** And God wants us to use our creativity to change the world around us!
- Talk about ways that we could use our creativity to change the world around us.
 - We could draw a picture to cheer up a friend who is sad.
 - We could bake cookies together and deliver them to a neighbor who is sick.
 - We could say good things to encourage our family members.
 - We could collect blankets for the animal shelter.

- Make it personal by telling your children about a time you used your creativity to show others who God is and what He's like.
- Challenge your children to use their creativity this week to show others who God is and what He's like.

Prayer

Take a moment and pray with your children. Thank God for making us in His image, and ask Him to help us use our creativity to change the world around us.

Dear God,

Thank You for the promise we heard today from Ephesians 2:10 that says we are Your creation and that we are made in Your image. You created us to belong to Christ Jesus, and because of Him, we can do good works. Help us see how we can use our creativity to change the world around us and to show others how important they are to You. Amen.