



HOUSE PARTY

PARENT GUIDE

Life App Definition

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

Main Idea

Jesus told the people listening to the Sermon on the Mount, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill can't be hidden" (Matthew 5:14 NIRV). When we tap into why God created us, we can use our gifts and talents to point others to Jesus. God created each of us for a reason; a major part of that is to share His love with others. How we treat people and the words we say are important. We pray that kids start to realize how they can share Jesus with those around them.

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 to share His story.

Small-Group Discussion

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

- What kind of shop did Keisha and her brother work in?
- What ingredient in the recipe surprised Keisha?
- What did Robert say salt does to food?
- What happened while they were making the cookies?
- What story did Robert read from the Bible?
- What happens when we share God's story with others?

- What are some creative ways you could tell others God's story?
- What might you do differently if you thought of yourself as light and salt to those around you every day?
- Why is it important for those who follow Jesus to tell others about Him?
- How did you first learn about Jesus?
- What do we worry will happen if we tell people about Jesus?
- How can we overcome our fears?

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

- No supplies needed

Activity

- Play an application-packed game similar to "Mother, May I?"
- Ask your children to tell you what it means to share God's story (to tell others about God; to show others that God loves them; to share God's love with others).
- Ask them to name ways they could use the things they're good at to share God's story with others (make a card for someone who's sick; be kind to their teammates; invite their gymnastics friends to church).
- Next, guide your family to line up shoulder to shoulder in a line at the opposite end of the room from you.
- Call out a name and read a scenario below.
- Lead them to respond by saying one way they could share God's story in that situation. (If a kid is stuck, ask guiding questions to help. Help kids understand that part of sharing God's story is simply by showing God's love.)
- When they answer, say, " God created you to share His story ! Move forward _____ " (specify a type and number of steps).

- The game ends when someone reaches you.
- Here are the scenarios:
 - A new kid joins your class. How could you share God's story?
 - A kid sits by himself at lunch. How could you share God's story?
 - Someone is mean to a girl on the playground. How could you share God's story?
 - Your neighbor is sick. How could you share God's story?
 - Your sister is crying. How could you share God's story?
 - Your friend falls and gets hurt. How could you share God's story?
 - Your church is collecting food for a food drive. How could you share God's story?
 - Your teacher looks really sad. How could you share God's story?
 - Your brother is upset. How could you share God's story?
 - A friend doesn't go to church. How could you share God's story?
- Note: If you run out of scenarios, create your own or simply repeat the given scenarios—repetition is a great teacher!
- Share with your children that Jesus said, "You are the light of the world." That means that if you're a follower of Jesus, you're like a light that shines in the darkness. You shouldn't hide that light. Jesus said, "Let your light shine so others can see it."
- So, whether you're at home, school, or practice, or playing with your friends, you can be creative and use the things you're good at to show God's love to others. **God created you to share His story!**

Prayer

Take a moment and pray with your children. Ask God to help all of you shine your light so others can see it.

Dear God,

You are GREAT! We want to shine our light so others can see how creative You are. We want the way we act and the words we use to make others want to know more about You. Help us see opportunities to share Your story with the people in our lives. In Jesus' name, amen!