#### PARENT GUIDE

Hello Fourth and Fifth Grade Parents!

It is hard to believe that August has arrived. I hope your summer has been full of fun, adventure and growth in Him. This month we will be studying God as Creator of the Universe and the discovery of our personal creativity by imagining what we can do because we are made in God's image.

From ParentCue for you to reflect on for the month:

When kids begin to understand they are made in the image of God, they tend to look at the world and themselves in a different way.

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Here are some At Home Activities *suggestions* for you to do with your child(ren). Everyone is different, so feel free to pick any or all of these ideas to fit the needs and desires of your family.

- 1. Watch Bible Story Video
- 2. Discuss Bible Story
- 3. Memory Verse Activity
- 4. Pray Together
- 5. "God Time" pages to reinforce the lesson throughout the week

BONUS: Learn this month's theme song: "Wired" (See Last page)

YOUR CHILD WILL EARN 3 POINTS TO SPEND AT THE STORE FOR EACH COMPLETED ACTIVITY AND 10 POINTS FOR A COMPLETED "GOD TIME"

" PLEASE EMAIL ME POINTS EARNED EACH WEEK "

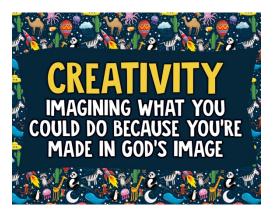
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Praying you all are well, safe, growing in faith, and having fun during our time apart! Please reach out if you need anything at all.

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# FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, WE WILL BE STUDYING:





# THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE:



# THIS WEEK WE FOCUS ON:

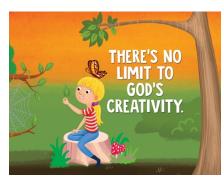
Today's Key Question: Where do you see God's creativity?

# **BIBLE STORY**

Genesis 1-2:3,7,21-22



# **BOTTOM LINE**



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#### SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

1. Watch Bible video here: <a href="https://at-home.playlister.app/3e01533f-d769-41b3-9cff-91ac5761fbc5/ee6a706a-6621-44b6-8847-be49277b478f">https://at-home.playlister.app/3e01533f-d769-41b3-9cff-91ac5761fbc5/ee6a706a-6621-44b6-8847-be49277b478f</a>

# 2. TALK ABOUT

What You Need: Bible

What You Do:

- Review the days of creation by naming things God made.
  - A few suggestions are listed below.
  - Add others as needed.
- Create math equations to indicate the day on which it was created
  - For example Day Four could be 3+1 or 7-3 or 4x1 or 64-60...
  - stars (Day Four).
  - people (Day Six)
  - fish (Day Five)
  - sea (Day Two)
  - light (Day One)
  - plants and seeds (Day Three)
  - birds (Day Five)
  - moon (Day Four)
  - trees (Day Three)
  - land animals (Day Six)
  - sky (Day Two)
  - land (Day Three)
  - sun (Day Four)
  - night and day (Day One)

#### Ask:

- When you think about the order in which God made things, what do you notice? Why do you think God created the world in the order He did?
- What does it mean to be created in God's image? What characteristics and qualities do we have that God also has?
- o Why do you think God chose to create us in His image?
- **Encourage** kids to share things they are thankful for in God's creation and what attribute or characteristic of God they see in it. If needed, suggest some of the following qualities:
  - loving
  - powerful
  - o sense of humor
  - o kind
  - o creative
  - all-knowing
  - all-seeing
  - all-present
  - o limitless

#### Ask:

- What is the most interesting thing you can think of in all of God's creation? (Use a mobile device to pull up a picture of a "Bird Poop Moth" by way of an example of an unusual creation. https://bit.ly/2RGxaGG)
- What questions do you have about the way the world began or how people were first created?
- Name some ways that all people are created in God's image.
- If we believe everyone is made in God's image, how should that impact the way we treat others?

#### 3. MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY -

What You Need: Bibles

# What You Do:

- Look up and read Psalm 145:3 aloud
- Focus on areas of praise based on who God is and what He has done.
  - When you say, "Lord, you are great," what comes to mind? What makes God GREAT?
  - Name some reasons why God is worthy of praise.
  - o Why are we not able to completely understand how great God is?
  - o If we can't fully understand the greatness of God is, why should we try?
- Challenge each other to memorize Psalm 145:3
- **Encourage** kids to keep their Bibles marked at Psalm 145:3 and use it as a prayer of praise to God throughout the month.

# 4. *PRAY TOGETHER*

What You Need: Bible

## What You Do:

- **Read** Psalm 145:3, pausing after each phrase to let kids echo in response, "There's no limit to Your creativity."
- For example, if using NIrV you might follow this pattern:
  - o "Lord, you are great." There's no limit to Your creativity.
  - o "You are really worthy of praise." There's no limit to Your creativity.
  - "No one can completely understand how great you are." There's no limit to Your creativity.
- **Allow** a brief moment in between phrases for kids to offer prayers of praise (either silently or out loud) thanking God for who He is and what He has done.
  - As they pray, encourage them to think about the unlimited power, love, wisdom, and creativity of our amazing Creator.

"Dear God, You are the greatest creator of all. You made everything we see around us and even the things we cannot see with our eyes. You deserve our best praise and we offer it to You now. Thank You for being a God of love, power, grace, and creativity. In Jesus' name, amen."

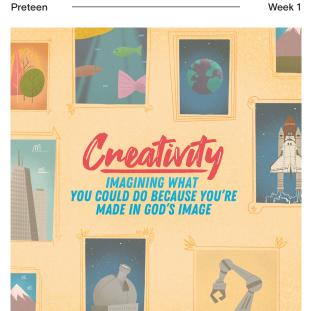
5. <u>GOD-TIME THROUGHOUT THE WEEK TO REINFORCE BIBLE STUDY</u> (NEXT 2 PAGES)

~ WORTH 10 POINTS FOR THE "STORE" ~

# Journal Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent. WHERE **DO YOU SEE** GOD'S **CREATIVITY?**

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# 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!

#### SO & SO TOP 3

After watching, write one thing that:

1. You liked:\_\_

2. You learned: \_\_\_

3. You'd like to know: \_\_\_\_

#### Day 2

Read Genesis 1-2:3

As you read Genesis 1–2:3, circle every noun that is something God created (e.g., land, trees, bird, etc.).

It's truly amazing to think about there being nothing, and then God spoke and there was everything! From the vastness of creating the sun and stars, to the tiniest details in creating ants and seahorses, He created it all!

Look over the words you circled. Which of these parts of creation are your most favorite? If you chose trees, what's your favorite kind of tree? If you chose wildanimals, which one is your favorite? Take a minute to thank God for your favorite creations and don't forget to thank Him for creating you too!



#### Day 3

One important part of talking to God is thanking Him for His gifts to us. It's easy to take the things we see every day for granted.

We might go visit the Grand Canyon and whisper, "Wow, God" as we take in the endless views. Or we might sit on the sand at the beach and think about how big God is as the water stretches on for miles and miles, and thank Him for creating theocean.

But what about the ladybug that lands on our bike handlebars as we ride to our friend's house? Or the colorful tree that sits right outside our bedroom window? Each of these creations was made by our God; Who has limitless creativity.

Take a couple of minutes to thank God for His creations that are a part of your everyday life. And then as you go throughout your day today, keep the gratitude prayer going. Every time you notice something that God made, thank Him for using His creativity to make such an amazing world!

#### Day 4

There's no limit to God's creativity.

He created galaxies so big we cannot even imagine them, and He created the small amino acids which come together to make peptides which when combined with other chemicals become cells: the building blocks of all of life!

Grab a friend and play the opposite game. But in this version, take turns naming parts of God's creation that are massive versus tiny. Keep going as long as you can—until you can't think of any more, then switch sizes until you run out of ideas again.

Did you finally get stumped? Guess what? God neverruns out of ideas or creativity! Isn't that incredible? High-five your friend for playing the game with you, and each of you commit to finding another friend to play the opposite game with this week. It's a great way to share God's limitless creativity with others!

#### Day 5

Set a timer today and go outside at different times with a journal (or piece of paper) and pen in hand. (If you're reading this late in the day or at night, try doing this tomorrow instead.)

Start by going out early in the morning. Look and listen. Write down something you observe about God's creation.

Try going out again around lunchtime. Maybe even take your lunch outside if you can. What seems different? Do you notice anything new? Then go out again closer to dinnertime. What sounds do you hear? Does the light hit anything differently than it did early this morning?

Lastly, go out after dark. (You can take a parent or a flashlight—or both—if you'd like.) You may not be able to see much on the ground, but what do you see in the sky? And what sounds do you hear filling up the night air?

Go inside and write down your thoughts about God's creation after observing it for an entire day. What was your favorite time of day to observe? Make it a goal to get outside that time of day as much as possible so you can soak up God's creativity!

P.S. Did you enjoy paying attention to the details of God's creation? "How Great Is our God" by Louie Giglio has some other great ideas for soaking up God's creativity. See page 38-39 for one example!

#### BONUS: THIS MONTH'S THEME SONG "WIRED" Written by: Casey Darnell @2016 Amber Sky Records, a division of The reThink Group, Inc.

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#### Wired

Are you ready? Help me sing it now – 1,2,3, let's go

#### Verse

I was made
To do amazing things
I know, I know
I was made
To be His hands and feet
I know. I know

# **Pre-Chorus**

God made me to shine
Makes me come alive
Makes me want to live my life for Him
God made me to shine
Makes me come alive
Makes me want to live my life

#### Chorus

I wanna dance, dance, dance
Dance all around
I wanna jump, jump, jump and sing out loud
Because the light I've found I just cant hide it now
I wanna shout it out to the world that
God made me; (yeah) And I'm unique (yeah)

#### Verse

I wanna go wherever He will lead – I will go, I will go Imagine all the possibilities Oh I know, I know

## **Pre-Chorus**

# Chorus

# Bridge (x2)

I am wired and wonderfully made My desire: to sing His praise Shout it louder That I believe God made me to shine

# **Pre-Chorus**

#### Chorus