

PARENT GUIDE

Hello Second and Third Grade Parents!

It is hard to believe that August has arrived. I hope your summer has been full of fun, adventure and growth. This month we will be studying God as Creator of the Universe and the growth 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:

BIBLE STORY

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



BOTTOM LINE



SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES:

1. *Watch Bible video here:* <https://at-home.playlister.app/3e01533f-d769-41b3-9cff-91ac5761fbc5/d5352c8a-eec3-4e04-bd92-ec7c2e2192b8>

2. TALK ABOUT Limitless Creativity Family Game

What You Need: “Creation Category Cards,” (Next Page) pencils, timer or mobile device

What You Do:

- Give each game player a pencil and a “Creation Category Card” page.
- Give each player two to three minutes to write an example for each category.
- Encourage kids to be creative with their answers.
- Start with the first category and take turns sharing their example.
- If kids provide an example that matches no one else’s example for that category, award them a point.
- Emphasize the variety of answers for each category.
- The person with the most points wins.
- To increase the challenge, play again, but all examples must start with the same letter which you choose.

What You Say:

“When we look at the world, we see that God is creative. God didn’t make just one slimy thing. He didn’t make the world one color. He made so many different things that we can’t even count them all.

[Bottom Line] There’s no limit to God’s creativity. God’s creativity doesn’t end with the world He made either. God’s creativity shines through each of you. God made each of you in His image. God made you to think, feel, and act just a bit like Him. Imagine what you could do because you’re made in His image.

[Make It Personal] (Share about a time you were struck by God’s creativity. Maybe you were star-gazing and you were amazed at the number of stars in the sky. Or you volunteer at an animal shelter and seeing all the different types of dogs reminds you of God’s creativity.)

“What’s something in the world that reminds you of God’s creativity?”

What to Do:
Print and cut apart. Provide one for each kid.

"Creation Category Card" Activity
Page
August 2020, Week 1, Small Group 2-3

CREATION CATEGORIES

A color

Something bigger than a car

Something smaller than a dime

Something chewy to eat

Something that makes sound

Something slimy

Something used to move things

Something fuzzy

Something squishy

Something hot

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3. MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY – Creatively Great

What You Need: Bibles, large paper or poster, markers

What You Do:

- Look up Psalm 145:3 using the tips below and read it together.

Finding verses with 2nd and 3rd graders: Guide them to open their Bibles to the front and find the table of contents. (*Hold up a Bible opened to the table of contents to show the kids what the page looks like.*) When the kids find the table of contents, lead them to find Psalms in the list under “Old Testament.” When the kids find Psalms, lead them to look at the page number beside the word. Explain that the number tells them on what page they can find Psalms. Help the kids find the page. When they find Psalms, explain that the big numbers on the page are the chapter numbers. Help them find chapter 145. Explain that the small numbers are verse numbers. Help them find verse 3 in chapter 145.

- Copy the verse onto the large paper or poster.
- Underline the word “GREAT” in the verse and emphasize that there is no limit to how great God is.
- Brainstorm to think of other words that could replace the word “great” and WITH A DIFFERENT COLOR MARKER write it anywhere on the paper.
 - For example, “LORD you are **wise** . . . No one can completely understand how **wise** you are.”
 - Other examples include: wonderful, faithful, joyful, forgiving, amazing, patient, loving.
- Hang the mural somewhere to help memorize the verse throughout the month.

What You Say:

“Only God is worthy of our praise. We can praise Him because He is great. We can praise Him because He is creative and (*words from the mural*). We can’t even begin to understand how great God is. God’s greatness has no limits just like **[Bottom Line] there’s no limit to God’s creativity**. When I look at the words you wrote to describe God, it reminds me how much God wants us to know Him. God wants us to know Him so much that He sent Jesus so we have a way to be with Him, now and forever. God wants us to know Him so much that He gave us the Bible so we can read about Him. God wants us to know Him so much that He gave us creation. When we look around, we can see Him and His creativity in everything.”

4. PRAY TOGETHER

What You Need: Mirror, dry erase marker

What You Do:

- Encourage kids to take time this week to look around at all the things God has made.
- Pass the mirror and a dry erase marker to each person praying.
- Each person should write their name on the mirror, look in it, and say, “Thank You, God, for making me in Your image.”
- When the mirror returns to you, close in prayer.

What You Say:

“God, You are great! And You alone are worthy of our praise. We can’t even understand how great You are. When we look around at all the things You made, we can see that there’s no limit to Your creativity. Thank You, God, for making each one of us in Your image. God, remind us every time we look in the mirror that we were made to reflect a bit of You to the world. Amen.”

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

~ WORTH 10 POINTS FOR THE “STORE” ~

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



DAY 2

Read Jeremiah 10:12

Have you ever caught a lizard or firefly in a jar to observe it? Ever looked closely at a leaf or blade of grass? There's a lot you could learn by studying that lizard or looking at the leaf under a microscope. But even a super smart entomologist (a person that studies insects) and botanists (a person that studies plants), can't create a lizard or leaf with all that knowledge. Only God can do that. By His power He made the earth. His wisdom and understanding created all the insects and plants and everything else that fills our world.

The amount of creativity and skill it took to create the world around us is too much for us to imagine. But that same God who made it all by His power loves you. And He made you to be creative too.

Collect several leaves from outside. Grab a sheet of paper and a crayon. Lay the leaf on a flat surface and place the paper on top. Peel some of the paper off of the crayon, lay it on its side and rub it over the page to create a leaf rubbing. At the bottom of the page, write out today's verse.



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DAY 1

Read Psalm 104:24

Grab a piece of paper and a pencil and have an adult set a timer for two minutes. As the timer runs down, make a list of everything you can think of that God made.

Write the total number of items you listed here:

You could set a timer for another two minutes and come up with a completely new list of things God created. As our verse tells us, God made all things. There's no limit to God's creativity!

Creativity is imagining what you could do because you were made in God's image. It's pretty awesome to think about the fact that the God who created everything on your list also created you. And He loves you more than you could possibly imagine.

Circle five of your favorite things on the list you created. Spend some time in prayer thanking God for those five things!



DAY 3

Read Colossians 1:16-17

Write out Colossians 1:16-17 on a piece of paper. When you're finished, underline the word "created" every time it appears in the verse.

In six different places, today's verses tell us that God created. He created the heavens and the earth. He created all the things we see like vast oceans and majestic mountain ranges. He created all the things we can't see, like the tiniest cells inside our bodies and the smallest sea creatures in the ocean. Have you ever seen an Octopus Wolfi? It's so small it fits on the tip of your finger. (Ask an adult to look up "Pictures of Octopus Wolfi" to see for yourself. They're adorable.)

All things were created by God and for God. That means that nothing in creation was an accident or surprise to God. He was intentional in His creativity, including in the amazingly monumentally awesome way He made you! There is no limit to God's creativity.



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DAY 4



Read Isaiah 40:26

How many stars are there in our solar system? Can you count them? This is actually a trick question. Most scientists agree that there is only one star in our solar system, the sun! When you see a sky full of stars, that's actually the Milky Way galaxy (our solar system is inside the Milky Way) which holds several billion stars.

Can you count to a billion? Want to know something else crazy? Most stars are what scientists call binary stars. Bi means two, like a bicycle has two wheels. These binary stars are two stars circling each other. About 80 to 85 percent of the stars are binary. Whoa.

God not only counts the stars, He names them. That's how amazing our God is. He is big enough to place the sun in our solar system and over a billion stars in the Milky Way galaxy. There is no limit to His power and creativity.

Head outside tonight and look up at the sky. Pick a star and give it a name of your own. Thank God for being creative enough and big enough to create a galaxy full of stars and personal enough to hear your prayers.

P.S. Did you enjoy learning details of God's creation of the sky? "How Great Is our God" by Louie Giglio has some other great ideas for soaking up God's creativity.

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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 can't 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