Hello Fourth and Fifth Grade Parents!

Here's everything you need for HCKids at home. Just follow the directions on the Parent Guide (next page) for any of the things you and your child(ren) are interested in doing. Also included in this document is the link to the Bible Video, this month's theme song and "God Time" pages to do throughout the week.

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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If you prefer, you are welcome to pick up hard copies of each week's lesson that are similar to here but printed for your convenience. They are recycled each Thursday (late afternoon) and are located outside the front entrance of church.

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 ARE STUDYING:





THIS MONTH'S MEMORY VERSE:



TODAY'S BOTTOM LINE:



week of August 16, 2020

Indescribable: Your Creator has No Limits

PARENT GUIDE Preteen

Use this guide to help your family learn how God made us to be creative.

First, watch this week's video!

Creativity: Imagining what you could do because you were made in God's image.

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

Bible Story

Esther (Esther)

Key Question

What do you think your purpose could be?

Activity

Invention Inspiration

What You Need

Index cards or strips of paper, and something to write with

What You Do

Write the following words on index cards or strips of paper:

 Bat, radar, armadillo, army tank, chameleon, camouflage, fish, electricity, flying squirrel, parachute, squid, jet propulsion, hummingbird, helicopter, scorpion, needle, snake, anesthetic, snail, suction cups, caribou, snowshoes

Separate the cards into two piles: animals and inventions. Mix each pile individually and spread them out into two columns.

Tell your child that it's time to play a game. Say, "We have animals in one column. In the other column, we have inventions inspired by those animals. Let's try to match the invention to its animal inspiration."

Answers

Bat (radar), armadillo (army tank), chameleon (camouflage), fish (electricity), flying squirrel (parachute), squid (jet propulsion), humming-bird (helicopter), scorpion (needle), snake (anesthetic), snail (suction cups), caribou (snowshoes)

Talk about the Bible Story

What does the word "purpose" mean? (Something you're meant for.)

What do you think was one of Esther's purposes in life? (To save the Jewish people.)

What skills or talents did Esther use to fulfill her purpose? (She was brave, she was patient, she spoke well.)

In our activity today, we talked about inventions. We know that inventions were made with a purpose. If YOU are God's invention, what are some of YOUR purposes? (To help others, love others, love God, serve God, tell others about God, etc.)

Did you know that when you help someone, show someone kindness, or forgive someone, you are fulfilling part of God's purpose for your life? You are! God created you to do big, incredible, awesome things. Just like Esther, God created you for a purpose.



Prayer

Use this prayer as a guide, either after talking about the Bible story or sometime before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for creating us so creatively. You choose the color of our eyes, our skin, and our hair. You decided what our handwriting would look like, and whether or not we'd be good at music, sports, video games, or art. And you chose every detail on purpose, FOR a purpose. Thank You for making me with a purpose. Thank You for creating me to do BIG things for others and for You. I love You. Amen."

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

Journal Preteen — Week 3

Spend some time thinking about the question below and journal your thoughts or share them with a parent.

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR PURPOSE COULD BE?

PS PARENT CUE

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Creativity

IMAGINING WHAT

YOU COULD DO BECAUSE YOU'RE
MADE IN GOD'S IMAGE

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 Esther 4

So much was on the line for Esther. If she stayed silent and just let things happen, an entire nation of people, her people, might get wiped out. But if she spoke up, she might be the one who died.

And then Esther's cousin Mordecai puts it all in perspective for her in chapter 4, verses 12-14: ¹²When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, ¹³he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. ¹⁴For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?" (NIrV)

You've heard of the phrase "mic drop," right? It's something to say when someone has said something so deep, so right, that there's really nothing else that can be said. Underline the sentence that is the "mic drop" moment above.

Didyouunderline verse 14? Everything Mordecai said was right and wise, but that last sentence really summed it all up. The truth is, it was pretty surprising that Esther, a poor unknown girl whose parents had died, had been given the role of queen in a foreign nation. But God had a plan all along, and His purpose for Esther's life was to save His people with her creativity and courage.

Day 3

God used Esther's cousin Mordecai to encourage her to live out her purpose: to save the Jewish people.

But even though Esther knew it was the right thing to do, it was scary. So before she did anything else, Esther stopped to pray. Check out Esther 4:15-16. "Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: ""Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my attendants will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." (NIrV)

Time was ticking, and Haman's evil plan was taking shape, but still, Esther knew that taking time to talk to God before anything else was important. In fact, she didn't just pray, she also gave up food for three days, and she asked her servants, Mordecai, and all the Jewish people to join her in fasting and prayer.

You may or may not know what purpose God has for your life right now. But in either case, starting your day by talking to God is always the right move. Praying isn't the only purpose God has for you, but it is the first thing. Talk to God right now and ask Him for guidance and wisdom to discover what His purpose is for your life and courage to follow through.

Day 4

Do you ever wonder what your purpose is? Many people do!

But often the people around us see us better than we see ourselves, so today, put on your reporter hat and go ask at least five people these questions.

- 1. What is one thing you think I'm really goodat?
- What is something I'm really good at that can help others? (It might be the same as #1, or could be different.)
- 3. What is a role I play, or activity I'm involved with, that could be used for others?
- 4. How do you think God might use me to make the world a better place?
- 5. What is one thing I can do to develop my creativity in this area?

Write down what they say because you'll use it tomorrow!



Day 5

Sometimes as a kid, it's hard to imagine what your purpose might be.

Especially when you hear a story like Queen Esther's. Sure, it's incredible and inspiring, but it also is a little bit intimidating, right?

But the good news is, Esther wasn't born a queen. And she didn't wake up one day with the courage to save a nation either. God used every bit of her life—her challenges, her creativity, her gifts, her relatives, her friends, her servants—to prepare her for His purpose. And by living out her purpose every day from child to queen, she was ready for her biggest calling of all.

Take your list from vesterday-the things that others said they saw in you, and pick one of those things you can focus on today. Maybe it means looking up some YouTube videos to get better at something in an area where you're already naturally talented. Or maybe it means being intentional about your encouraging words and paying attention to the effect they have on others. Tomorrow, pick another thing, and so on, until you've spent one day being mindful about the gift/role/creativity each person sawinyou. Asyoustartto see God'spurpose more and more, thank Him for putting you in just the right spot to do great things for Him and the people He loves.

Esther and creation have even more in common! Check out pages 6-7 of "How Great Is Our God" by Louie Giglio and see what Esther and the Earth can teach us about God's plan.