

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 ~

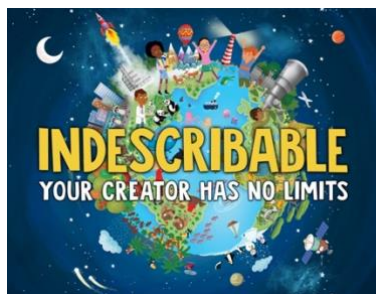
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If you prefer, you are welcome to pick up hard copies of each week’s lesson that are similar to here but printed for your convenience. They are recycled each Thursday (late afternoon) and are located outside the front entrance of church.

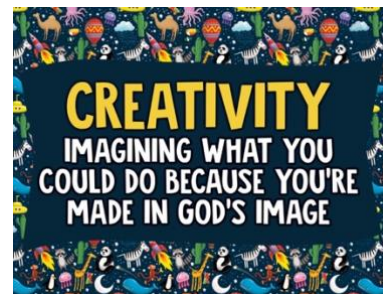
Praying you all are well, safe, growing in faith, and having fun during our time apart!
 Please reach out if you need anything at all.

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 HCKids Elementary Coordinator

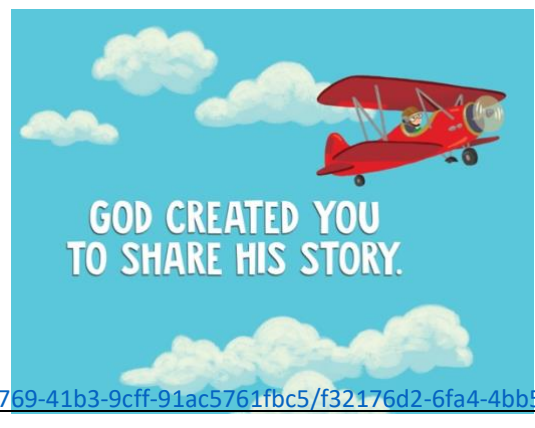
FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, WE ARE STUDYING:



THIS MONTH’S MEMORY VERSE:



TODAY’S BOTTOM LINE:



Watch Bible video here: <https://at-home.playlister.app/3e01533f-d769-41b3-9cff-91ac5761fbc5/f32176d2-6fa4-4bb5-afb0-04e0fd96b765>

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, NIV

Bible Story

Salt and Light
(Matthew 5:13-16)

Key Question

Who first told you about God's story?

Activity

Color Coding

What You Need

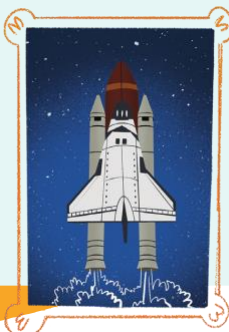
Old family photos (digital or hard copies)

What You Do

Gather some of your favorite photos of your child. Show them the photos. Tell them the stories behind each one. Ask them how they remember the day or event. Compare your stories, and talk about how you remember the events the same or differently.

Ask your child, "What are some of your favorite memories from growing up? What are some things that you'll never forget? Are there any things that you wish you could forget? What are some of your most embarrassing stories? What are some of your proudest stories?"

Share your own answers to those questions, too.



Talk about the Bible Story

Telling stories can be a powerful experience, right? Who told you the story of Jesus for the first time?

When Jesus told His followers to be the salt and light of the world, what did He mean? (*Jesus wants us to tell others about Him and His story.*)

Do you think it's important for people who follow Jesus to share His story with others? Why?

How can it be hard or scary to tell others the story of Jesus?

What are some creative ways we can tell others about Jesus? (*Write them a note, invite them to a Small Group sleepover, be kind and loving no matter what.*)

How we live our lives can point others to Jesus, just as much as what we say—and sometimes even more so! Let's make a commitment as a family to use the creativity God gave us to show others that we know and love Jesus. God created us to share His story.

Prayer

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

"God, we are thankful for the gift of your Son, Jesus. Because of Jesus, we can be in Your family forever. Help us look for creative ways to share Your story with others. Help us to live lives that make it obvious that we love and follow You. Thank You for creating us. Thank You for loving us. Amen."

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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

Day 3

Thinking back to yesterday's passage, do you feel more comfortable shining your light brightly, or do you sometimes keep that light to yourself, hidden under a bowl?

It takes some serious courage to shine your light. It might mean standing up for someone else. It might mean being the only one who follows the rules. It might mean telling someone why you go to church, or explaining what you believe about God.

The good thing is that God doesn't ask us to do anything that He hasn't prepared and equipped us to do! So if He asks us to shine His light, He will give us what we need to do it. If you're feeling nervous about being bold to share His story, remember that you were created to tell it!

Think about a situation in your life currently where you need to shine your light. Then talk to God about it:

1. Explain the situation to Him. (Yes, He already knows, but He likes for you to talk to Him about it anyway!)
2. Ask Him for wisdom and creativity to know the best way to shine your light in this situation.
3. Ask Him for courage to follow through.
4. Ask Him to use your creativity and courage to light up the world.
5. Thank Him for creating you to share His story.

Day 2

Read Matthew 5:13-16

Before you read Matthew 5:13-16, gather the following items:

1. A saltshaker
2. A pillow
3. A LEGO® block or something similar
4. A flashlight or other light
5. A bowl

Now, as you read through Matthew 5:13-16, use the props to act out what you read. Read verse 13 and put a tiny bit of salt on your finger and taste it. Put the block on the pillow, and walk around it while you read verse 14, paying attention to how the block is clearly seen from its elevated spot. Lastly, turn on the flashlight and put a bowl over it, and read verse 15. Notice the light isn't visible anymore. Remove the bowl and shine the light around as you read verse 16.

God made you like that flashlight—you're meant to shine His love brightly for all to see!



Day 4

It can be intimidating to share God's story with others! But like most things in life, practice will make you more confident and courageous.

Find a trusted friend or family member who also follows God and ask them to practice with you. Grab a flashlight and find a dark corner or closet.

Take turns sharing some of God's story with each other. You might talk about how something you saw in God's creation recently reminded you of how great He is. You might tell them your own personal experience of hearing God's story. You could even start with a question—asking them what they think about God. As you get more comfortable talking, turn on the flashlight. Eventually, make your way back into the well-lit room.

If you find this challenging, it's okay! It is for most people! But the more you share, the easier it will become to shine your light.

Day 5

Everything God created tells His story. If you've ever been blown away by something in nature, you can see just how awesome and powerful God is.

Take animals, for example. Since animals don't use words like we do, they have different ways to communicate with each other. Like when a bee on a honey-finding mission tells his hive that he's found a field of nectar-filled flowers, he does a little dance to communicate his discovery. Yep, God is pretty creative, right?

Did you know God created you to share His story? And just like the bee, there are all sorts of creative ways you can tell others about Him.

Start by thinking about how you learned God's story. Did a parent tell you that God made you and loves you? Or maybe a friend invited you to church. Or you heard a song about Jesus and realized you wanted to know more.

In a couple of sentences, write down how you heard about the story of God. Now think back to earlier this month when you worked to uncover your creative gifts and your purpose. Think about this... how can you use those things to share God's story with others?

One easy way to share God's story with others is to tell them about how you came to hear God's story. Write down one person's name you'd like to share God's story with. Then, spend a few minutes asking God to help you tell them your own.

If you find you need more inspiration, read more fun stories of how God created animals to communicate in different ways on pages 140 and 141 of "How Great Is Our God" by Louie Giglio.