

CREATIVITY

USING YOUR IMAGINATION
TO DO SOMETHING UNIQUE.

WEEK
TWO

READ HEBREWS 11:3

DAY 1

Have you ever spread out on the grass and stared up at the clouds? What could you see? Maybe a crown or a house or a monster truck in the shapes floating above you?

All of that creativity to see those shapes in the clouds comes from your imagination. The ability for your brain to create something out of what you see is a gift. God wants you to use that gift to figure things out.

Try this imagination exercise on for size. Find an object in your home. It can be anything. Place the object in front of you and try to come up with five different uses for that item (other than its original one). For example, a soup can could be used as a paperweight or a doorstep or a rolling pin.

THANK God for giving you the gift of an active imagination!



READ EXODUS 35:31

DAY 2

Let's say you're hanging out in your best friend's basement when suddenly the lights go out. And now it's dark. Really dark.

Time for some quick thinking. You could grope around looking for a flashlight. But it's not your house and you have no idea where they keep them anyway. Then you remember that your mom let you borrow her cell phone. You quickly turn it on and lead your friends upstairs to the light of day.

Hero? Maybe. Problem solver? Absolutely. You have many opportunities every day to use your creativity to solve problems. God has given you all the skills you need. So use that imagination when a problem arises and figure it out!

Come up with a quick solution to each of the problems below.

Your dog literally ate your homework.

You just realized that you left the book you need for your book report at school.

Your friend forgot to grab her lunch before she left the house.

ASK God to help you use your imagination to solve any problems you face tomorrow.

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READ 1 CHRONICLES 22:15–16

DAY 3

Back in the Old Testament, the people who loved and followed God built a beautiful temple where they could worship Him. The most skillful, gifted craftsmen used their talents to create a magnificent house of worship. There were so many of them in fact that there were too many to count!

When you think of creativity, you probably first think about people like those temple builders—painters, architects, builders, sculptors, and the like. And while those men and women who built the temple were creative, it doesn't mean that you aren't creative too. Just like God gave those temple builders a set of creative skills so long ago, He's placed the gift of creativity inside of you as well. But it's up to you to discover it and USE it.

If you could build a temple or place of worship, what would it look like? Grab some paper and sketch it out. Add as much detail as you'd like.

LOOK for ways to discover your creativity and use it this week!

READ PSALM 144:9

DAY 4

Showing your creativity is sort of like a well that never runs dry. The short story you start writing today could be told from a completely different point of view tomorrow. Think up a way to solve a big problem now, and later you might come up with an entirely different solution.

God has given you the amazing ability to be endlessly creative. But creativity takes work. In order for the muscles in your arms and legs to grow stronger, you have to stay active. Using your creativity works the same way. Every time you put your mind to creating something new—like this verse talks about—you are exercising your creativity.

Grab some paper, paint, and a paintbrush (or markers and crayons). Step outside and paint a picture of the front of your house. If you have time tomorrow, repeat the same steps again to create another painting. Compare the two. What did you do differently? Do you see any improvement from one painting to the next?

KNOW that God has given you the ability to find new ways to figure things out.

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