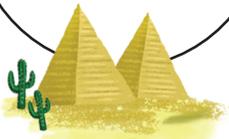




Use this guide to help your family learn how God made us to be creative.



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

Esther

Bottom Line

God created you for a purpose.

Activity

What You Need

Plastic utensils, paper scraps, yarn scraps, safety scissors, googly-eye stickers, markers, adhesive putty or tape

What You Do

Set out the supplies and encourage your kids to use them to create "Esther" and "King Xerxes" puppets. They can cut paper crowns and robes, and add googly eyes, yarn hair, and other details to their puppets.

As your kids create, touch on the following points:

- ▶ Esther was from a Jewish family. One day, King Xerxes chose Esther to be his queen.
- ▶ When Mordecai, Esther's cousin, wouldn't bow down to Haman, Haman was so angry that he made a terrible plan to destroy all the Jews.
- ▶ When Mordecai learned of Haman's plan, he told Esther that God had made her queen for a purpose.
- ▶ Even though it wasn't safe, Esther went to the king and invited him to a banquet.
- ▶ At a second banquet, Esther told the king about Haman's evil plan and asked the king to save her people.

Encourage your kids to reenact this Bible story.

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.*)

What is one quality or skill God gave you that makes you helpful?

Did you know that when you help some-one, or show someone kindness, you are fulfilling part of God's purpose for your life? 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 some-time before bed tonight:

"God, thank You for creating us so cre-atively. You choose the color of our eyes, our skin, and our hair. You decid-ed 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 creat-ing me to do BIG things for others and for You. I love You. Amen."