PARENT GUIDE Preteen

Indescribable: Your Creator has No Limits

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."