

CITY LG – August 5-7, 2023

Today's Bible Story: Unwritten (Creation) • *Genesis 1–2:3*

Today's Bottom Line: God created you so you can be creative.

Monthly Memory Verse: *For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)*

WORSHIP

Chasing Me
Undefeated

SLIDE: Theme

OPENER

HOST: “Hey, everybody! It’s so great that you’re here today because we’ve got some really fun things planned for you. This month, all month, we’re talking about creativity!”

SLIDE: Virtue

Creativity is using your imagination to do something new.

SLIDE: Theme

We usually think of creativity as having to do with art. But the truth is, there are SO many ways to be creative! You can be creative in the way you show love to other people. You can be creative in the way you solve problems. God is creative, and God made US to be creative, too.

And speaking of art, I’ve got a game for us to play today. Raise your hand if you like art??

Divide the kids into a few groups and give each group a piece of paper on a clipboard and a pen.

Now, I need you to circle up as a group so you can think of ideas together. As a group, you’ll try to think of as many different types of art supplies as you can. Your leader will write your ideas on their clipboard. You’ve got 30 seconds! Ready, go!

Countdown (30-second version)

All right, it looks like you’ve all got some great ideas on your list! I’ll call out the name of some different art supplies. If you’ve got the item I call out on your list, raise your hand. You’ll get a point for each matching answer. You can keep track on your paper.

We'll see how many art supplies you matched with me. Let's get started! Raise your hand if your group wrote . . . crayons!

- Paper
- Paint
- Paintbrush
- Colored pencils
- Sand
- Markers
- Chalk
- Eraser
- Anything else you want to add!

Thank you all for using your creativity to help us come up with the names of some art supplies!

For today's story, we're going all the way back to the very beginning. (*Hold up Bible.*) The very first book you find when you open the Bible is the book of Genesis. And the book of Genesis begins with the story of creation.

Take a look....

Bible Story Video (10:38)

This is just so cool! God made the whole world—all of the amazing things we can see around us each day. God is so creative!

And since we're made in the image of God, that means each of us can show what God is like in our own unique way. It means WE can be creative, because God MADE us to be creative.

"Here's what we need to remember today.

Video: Bottom Line
SLIDE: Bottom Line

God created you so you can be creative.

"God has always had a good plan for the world. God made humans, including us, knowing that we would need a Savior. We can see God's creativity in the way God sent Jesus to this world to pay the price for our sins. Jesus made a way for us to be close to God forever!

"Now today, we can use the creativity that God has given us to share the love of Jesus with other people. It's like we read in our memory verse, Ephesians 2:10 which is going to sound super familiar to you if you were at Summer Jam this year!...

SLIDE: Memory Verse

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Did you hear that? YOU are God's handiwork. So, you are not just here by accident. God DESIGNED you. It's just like this:

Video: Bob Ross w/blank canvas turning it into a beautiful painting

God started with a blank canvas and added all of your gifts and talents and the things that make you unique! And he ended up creating a masterpiece that is perfect and special and... YOU!

And I'll bet you can think of some creative ways that you can do good things and share God's love with the people around you. We are going to talk more about that in a bit.

But first...let's pray.

SLIDE: Theme

PRAY

"Dear God, You are amazing! You are so creative! You made the world and everything in it—including people, every person in this room today. Thank You for putting your creativity in each of us so we can be creative, too. Help us use our creativity to share Your love with other people. Help us remember that **we can trust You no matter what**. We love You, and we pray these things in Jesus' name, amen."

OFFERING:

This summer, our offering money will go to families in Kenya. They are experiencing a food shortage because of a drought. Take a look at this video of an area in Kenya called Turkana that is very rural and the people who live there do not have much money for food.

Turkana video #1

With our help, a group called Missions of Hope can buy food baskets to bless this community who is greatly in need! If you have any offering you can bring it up now.