Use this guide to help your

family learn about creativity.

First, watch this week's video!

Creativity: Using your imagination to do something new

Memory Verse

"We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do" Ephesians 2:10 NIrV

Bible Story

We Are God's Creation Ephesians 2:10

Bottom Line

God created you or a purpose.

Activity

Dough with a Purpose

What You Need:

Play-Doh[®] (or modeling clay), two paper plates

What You Do:

Take the Play-Doh[®] out of the container, and take out two paper plates—one for your child and one for you.

Invite your child to play a game. Say, "Let's use this dough to create some cool things! It can be anything you want, but it must be something you can recognize. I'll create some things too!"

Parent: Make sure one of your creations is a heart.

When you're finished, share your creations with one another. Save the heart for last. When you share the heart, say, "I LOVE your creativity! You shaped different things, and each one had a specific purpose. God made us and gave us different gifts and abilities. But as followers of Jesus, we all have ONE purpose: to love God and love others! (Hold up the heart.)

"Because God loves us, we can share God's love with the people around us. You can show love in your own way because God created you for a purpose."

Talk About the Bible Story

How do we know that God loves us? (God created us, sent us Jesus)

As followers of Jesus, what is our purpose? (To love God and love others)

What different gifts and abilities do you have that you could use to accomplish that purpose?

What are some specific ways you could show love to the people in your life? (*Ideas: Make a card for someone who's sick; tell a joke to cheer someone up; bake cookies for a friend*)

Parent: Talk about a way you were able to show love to someone else recently. Maybe you love to host people, so you planned a special meal for family. Maybe you're good at building things, so you made something for a friend. Maybe you wrote a note to someone who needed encouragement. Or maybe someone did something that showed love to you!

Prayer

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

"Dear God, thank You for making each of us so very special. Thank You for the different gifts and abilities You've given us. Help us use our creativity for a purpose: to share Your love with others so they can know You, too. We love You, God. In Jesus' name we pray, amen."

