# **Canvas: Made to Create**

PARENT GUIDE Preteen

Use this guide to help your family learn about creativity.

# Activity

What's the Use?

## What You Need:

Paper clip, paper, writing utensil, other objects in your home (optional)

## What You Do:

Set out the paper clip, paper, and writing utensil.

Invite your child to do an activity. Sit down together.

Say, "This paper clip could be used in a lot of different ways. Let's think creatively about how it could be used for something other than just holding papers together. Think of as many silly or useful examples as you can."

Spend a few minutes brainstorming with your child about other ways you might use the paper clip, and write your ideas down on the piece of paper. If possible, actually use the paper clip to do the things you've come up with.

If time allows, find other objects in your home and complete the same activity.

When you're finished, say, "We'll never look at a paper clip the same way again. I loved spending time with you being creative!"

## Talk About the Bible Story

How are you creative?

What would you say is the best part about being creative?

What are some ways you can use your creativity to help others?

How might the world be different if God had not made people with creativity?

God made each of us with different skills and experiences. While we are all very different, what are some ways everyone is the same?

Parent: Talk to your child about how God made YOU creative. Remember, creativity isn't just about art. You can be creative in the way you help others, the way you lead at work, the way you parent, etc.

## 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 us in Your image, and for giving us the ability to be creative. Help us to use our creativity to think of ways we can serve others. Please help us use our skills and talents to do the work You have created us to do. In Jesus' name, amen."

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**

Creation Genesis 1–2:3

### **Key Question**

How are you creative?

