

READ JOHN 1:3



DAY 4

All of us are creatures of habit. Have you heard that phrase before? It means we like to live our lives with a pattern. We do things pretty much the same way again and again and again.

Maybe your weekday goes something like this:

- You wake up at 6:30 (later if you're lucky!).
- You put on your school clothes, you track down your shoes, you fix your hair (and there never seems to be enough time).
- You wait at the bus stop or you catch a ride.
- You go to your classes.
- You hang out with the same friends at recess.
- You sit with the same people at the same place at lunch.
- You do your homework.
- After school, maybe you have practice, or maybe you play basketball in your yard, or hang out with friends.
- You spend some time reading—maybe your Bible, or these devotional cards.

We probably missed some things. Your normal day isn't exactly like this, but the point is, your routine is your routine. It's what you do. It's regular, everyday life. And maybe it doesn't seem like there's a lot of creativity involved in regular, everyday life.

But you know what? Sometimes the best creativity comes within a routine. A painter has to keep to the four corners of her canvas. A pianist can only make the sounds a piano can make. It's what you do with what you've got!

So it really comes down to attitude. You can look at your day as the same boring thing every day . . . or you can see it as a new, exciting opportunity with each new morning. You can remember that God created it for YOU—on purpose!

THINK ABOUT IT:

1. Do you ever struggle with thinking your routine is boring?
2. How do you think God sees each new day?
3. How does it help you to have an attitude of excitement and creativity when you think that everything you see—every new day—has been created by God?

CREATIVITY

Imagining what you could do
because you're made in God's image.

READ GENESIS 1:1

DAY 1

A blank page. An empty canvas. An unwritten melody.

In the beginning, there was nothing. But then God decided to create. He made EVERYTHING we know, everything we see, and everything we can taste, smell, touch, and feel.

Think of it this way. Have you ever sat down with a blank piece of paper, and just created? Maybe you drew some doodles or designs, or maybe you put some words together to form a poem.

Creativity is imagining what you could do because you're made in God's image. After all, God is the ultimate Creator. He used His imagination to create the incredible world that's all around us. And since we're made in His image, we can create too! It's all part of the amazing way He created us.

Today, start with a blank page and see what you can create.

THINK ABOUT IT:

1. What's your favorite way to create?
2. Do you ever get "writer's block," where you struggle to come up with words or ideas? How do you find some new inspiration?
3. Creativity isn't just about art. What are some ways you need creativity to find new ideas or face challenges in your life?

Week 1
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READ JOB 12:7-10

DAY 2

Imagine, for a minute, that you had a brand-new creative assignment:. Create the greatest theme park the world has ever known.

Wouldn't that be so FUN? Where would you start? What would the theme be? What kind of rides would you have? How late would it stay open?

You know that excitement you feel when you dream about the things you love? That's a sign of the creativity God gave you!

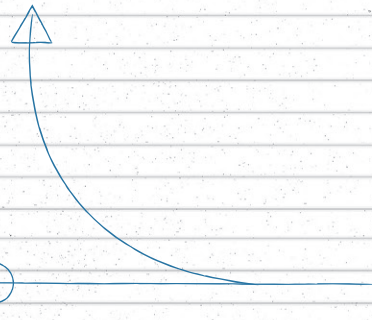
Think of what it must have been like for God to create the world! I mean, really, we can't imagine it. But in a massive, magnificent, God-size kind of way, He used His massive, magnificent, God-size creativity to create things like animals, birds, fish, and people.

We know that when God created the world, He said it was GOOD! And in a way, when we dream about creating the most awesome theme park ever, it's kind of the same idea. It's the joy of creating and imagining the things that we love. We get that joy from Him! And every day, we can discover how God can use US and our creativity and imagination to bring life and hope to the world.

Think of ways you can bring joy and excitement to the tasks you need to do and to the people around you!

THINK ABOUT IT:

1. When was the last time you felt joy and excitement about creating something? What was it?
2. How would it change your attitude if you thought of each day as a chance to create and imagine something amazing?
3. How do you think God can use your enthusiasm as you creatively serve the people around you?



READ PSALM 95:4-5

DAY 3



Close your eyes and picture the most unbelievable, incredible, jaw-droppingly beautiful view you've ever seen. Maybe you saw it in person, or maybe it was a picture. Either way, you couldn't believe your eyes.

Now think about your own backyard, or a park near you. What do you love about it? What are the little things that make it special to you?

God's creation is all around us. You can see His creativity in the grand, spectacular vistas and in the simple joys of a summer breeze or a relaxing rain shower.

And what we see is just a tiny part of the big picture. Think of all the sunsets we don't notice. Think of all the amazing places in the world that we may never get to see for ourselves. And then think of all God knows. He owns the tallest mountain peaks and the deepest parts of the ocean, and everything in between!

Today, write down three things that you have experienced that make you appreciate the way God created the world.

THINK ABOUT IT:

1. Why do you think we often miss the incredible things God created that are all around us?
2. What can you do, in the regular rhythm of your life, to stop and notice all the things God created?
3. How does it help you trust God more when you see the amazing world He's made?



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