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- EPHESIANS 2:10

USING YOUR GOD-GIVEN IMAGINATION TO EXPLORE FAITH, EXPRESS CREATIVITY, AND SEE YOURSELF AS PART OF GOD'S BEAUTIFUL CREATION.



ABUNDANT IMAGINATION

Fostering Creativity Through Faith-**Based Stories and Activities**

Theme: God gives us imagination to create, dream, and grow closer to Him through faith-filled stories and creativitu!

In itself, A.I. (Artificial Intelligence) is not to be a replacement for the natural creative talent God gave us, but merely as a tool. Any good tool is to be respected and used as a good tool, not as a bad weapon.

Key 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)

Objective: Encourage kids to use their God-given imagination to explore faith, express creativity, and see themselves as part of God's beautiful creation. Teach them that AI should be guided and used only as a resource or aid.

Lesson Plan

1. Welcome & Opening Activity (5-7 minutes) **Activity**: "Imagine It!" Story Starter. Everybody get your imagination caps on!

- · Start with a prompt: "Imagine you're on an adventure with Jesus! Where would you go? What would you see?"
- Let each child share one sentence to <u>build a group</u> story (e.g., "I'd sail on a boat with Jesus!" "We'd travel the world!").
- · If time allows, have a volunteer act out/mime part
- of the story or draw a quick sketch of it.
 Explain: "God gave us imaginations to dream big and think of amazing things! Today, we'll use our creativity to learn about Him!'

Transition: "Wow, your imaginations are awesome! Let's dive into a Bible story and use our creativity to explore God's Word!"

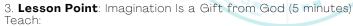
- 2. **Bible Story**: God Creates the World (10 minutes) The Creation Story (Genesis 1:1-31)
- · "In the beginning, there was nothing but God. Then, with His amazing imagination, God created everything! He said, 'Let there be light,' and the sun shone bright. He made the sky, oceans, mountains, animals, and even sparkly stars! On the sixth day, God created peopleyou and me-to be His friends. God looked at everything and said, 'It's very good!' God's creativity made the world beautiful, and He gave us imagination to create
- Emphasize: God used His imagination to make a wonderful world, and He gives us creativity to make beautiful things and share His love.

Visual Aid:

- · Show a colorful picture of creation (animals, stars, trees) or bring props like a globe, toy animals, or a starry cloth to make the story vivid.
- · Point to the props and say, "God imagined all this, and He gave you imagination too!"

Discussion Questions:

- 1. What's your favorite thing God created? (Stars, animals, oceans, etc.)
- 2. How do you think God felt when He made the world? (Happy, excited.)
- 3. What's something you like to create or imagine? (Encourage sharing.)



· "God is the greatest artist, and He gave us imagination to dream, create, and share His love. When we draw, tell stories, or build something, we're using God's gift to make

the world more beautiful, just like He did!" We can't simply speak objects into existence like God does but we can use our imagination to use the resources we do have.

Share an example: "If you imagine a kind way to help a friend, like making them a card, you're using your creativity to show God's love.

Scripture Connection:

- "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." Colossians 3:23 (NIV)
- · Explain: "When we use our imagination to create or help others, we're doing it for God, and that's awesome!"

4. **Craft/Activity**: Creation Wheel (10-15 minutes)

Children create a colorful paper wheel divided into seven sections, each representing one day of creation (e.g., light, sky, land, sun/moon, birds/fish, animals/humans, rest). They decorate each section with drawings, stickers, or collage materials like tissue paper for clouds or foil for stars.

Connection to Lesson: As they illustrate each day, discuss how God's imagination shaped the world, encouraging kids to use their creativity to reflect His work.

Materials: Paper plates, markers, crayons, stickers, glue, tissue paper, foil, scissors, brad fasteners.

Imagination Spark: Ask kids to imagine what new colors or creatures God could have made, adding their own "day" to the wheel.

5. Closing & Prayer (5 minutes)

· Ask: "What did God create with His imagination?" (The world, animals, people.)

· "How can we use our imagination for God?" (Create art, help others, share stories about Him.)

- "What's one creative thing you can do this week to show God's love?" (Encourage ideas.)
- · "Dear God, thank You for giving us imagination to create and dream. Thank You for making a beautiful world and calling us Your handiwork. Help us use our creativity to show Your love to others. We love You! Amen."

Closing Song (Optional): · Sing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" to celebrate God's creation, or "My God Is So Big" to highlight His creative power.







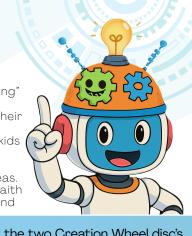
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Tips for Teachers

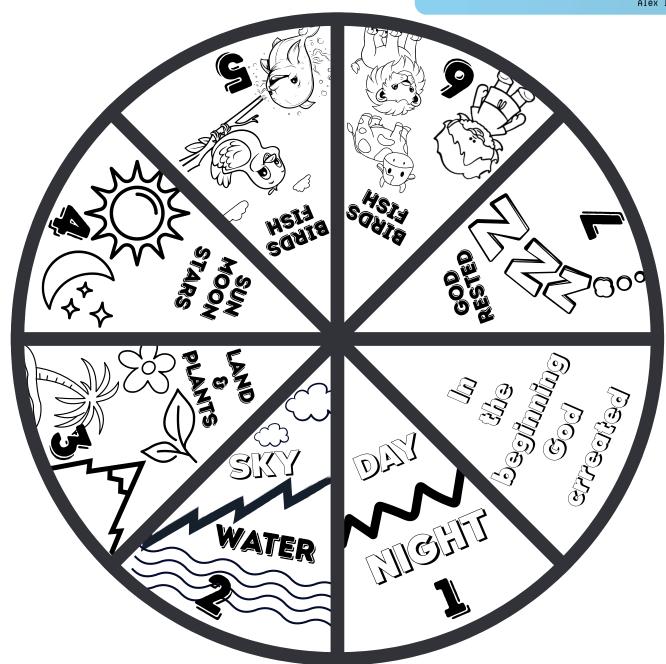
- · Spark creativity: Encourage kids to think freely and share their ideas without fear of "wrong"
- · Keep it faith-focused: Tie imagination back to God as the ultimate Creator, so kids see their
- creativity as a way to honor Him.

 Adapt for ages: For younger kids (3-5), focus on the story and a simple collage. For older kids (6-10), let them create more detailed stories or discuss how imagination helps them solve problems or share faith.
- · Celebrate uniqueness: Praise each child's creation to show that God loves their unique ideas. This lesson inspires kids to embrace their God-given imagination, connecting creativity to faith through the vibrant story of creation and hands-on activities that make learning exciting and personal while guiding them to keep "Al" in it's proper perspective.



"Cut out the two Creation Wheel disc's, color, then attach cover disc on top with brass split fastener. This is the lower disc. Card stock recommended."

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"Always remember that God Almighty gave us a brain to use for his glory. He gave us the amazing ability to have a wonderful and productive imagination! Never surrender your ability to imagine good things to an artificial intelligent source. Reading your bible can help you imagine some pretty neat things!"

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Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Phillipians 4:8

*Take home lesson reminder paper for students.