

HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Worship at home with CROWN

Topic: Genesis 1-2, God Designed You



DEVOTIONAL



Read Genesis 1 and 2 out loud. After reading, try using some of these conversation starters to spark some ideas. Your family may have some of their own ideas they are ready to talk about. Use this time to let your children process how the story made them feel and what it made them think about.

Spark a Conversation:

- I wonder why God made light first?
- What might the animals he made have looked like?
- Why do you think God make land and water?
- I wonder what was the most exciting to make?
- How did God decide what Adam and Eve would be like or look like?
- How did God decide what I would be like?



Reflection:

God made everything, from the biggest star in the sky to smallest bug crawling across your lawn. He had a plan for everything, and He was powerful enough to perfectly make it all! Just like God made Adam, He also made you and everyone you know. Psalm 139 tells us the God knew us before we were even born, and in Luke, Jesus shares that God even knows how many hairs on your head! How does He know that? Because He is the one who put each on them there! That's right, the same God who made every planet and every creature took the time to carefully design you.

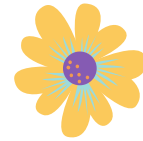
God designed each of us to have strengths. Some people are very wise and are good at making plans, while others are hardworking and always give 100%. I'm sure you have met someone who is very cheerful and can always make other people smile. Just like God designed Adam and Eve to care for the Garden of Eden, God created each of us to do amazing things for His Kingdom. It is important for us to pray and to examine ourselves to see what skills and strengths God has given us. When you use your abilities for God, not only can great things happen for other people, great things can happen for you, too. Living the way God designed you will make you feel content and like you have done a great job! Sometimes it can take awhile to discover how God has gifted you, but by praying with your family and reading your Bible, you will be one step closer to learning who He made you to be.

FRESH AIR

In your yard or neighborhood, see if you can find some of these things that God designed.



purple plant



yellow flower



colorful rock



bird



animal



dirt



water



something red



grey rock



vine



flying insect



worm



walking insect



tree stump



moss



clover



mushroom



animal tracks or hole

GETTING CRAFTY



An Innerself Portrait

Create a portrait that shows more than just what you look like, make one that shows who God made you to be!

Supplies:

Any creative arts and crafts supplies you have on hand, for example:

- Crayons, markers, colored pencils, paint
- Textured items (construction paper, cotton balls, sandpaper, beads, cardboard, bubble wrap, fabric scraps)
- Adhesives (glue, tape, low temp hot glue gun to be used with supervision)
- Recycled items (cleaned out plastic containers, lids, mismatched socks, etc.)

Make a creative portrait of yourself. Instead of drawing on hair, glue on yarn, or cut out a hat from an old cereal box. Your eyes could be buttons or lids from the recycling. God made each of us to be unique, so your portrait should be unique, too!

Once your masterpiece is complete, label some notes about your innerself —what we can't see just from looking at you. For example, next to your eyes you might write "looks out for my friends", or by your feet put "always ready to jump in and help". When you're finished, you'll have a unique look at how God designed you, inside and out!

Making the Connection:

How might you use how God made you to be a part of His Kingdom?
How can you help and love other people thanks to how God made you?

FAITHFUL FINANCES



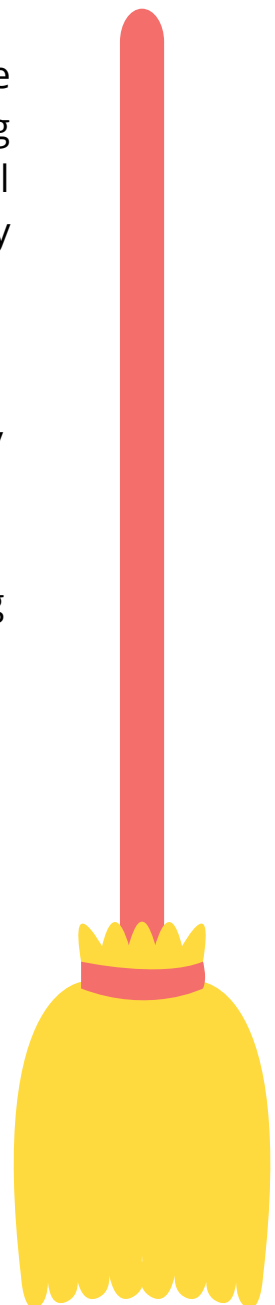
Part of preparing children to be financially independent and responsible adults is instilling the value of hardwork through chores. Doing chores can help a child develop a sense of accomplishing a job well done and helps to prepare them for their first job. Crown usually recommends children's chores fall into one of two categories.

1. Everyday, unpaid expectations or responsibilities
2. Chores or special jobs that give your child a chance to earn money

Examples of the first type of chore include picking up their toys, making their bed, and clearing their dishes after dinner.

For the second category, we recommend you consider your child's strengths and interests. Think of responsibilities that benefit the whole family, such as washing the car or cleaning the bathroom, and offer your child a set payment for completing them.

You could even make job postings for these types of chores and post them for your child to apply for. As they earn money, it gives them more experience in handling a budget, too.



GIVING BACK

God gave us the Earth to take care of. Your challenge for this week is to use one of your strengths to take care of the world. If God designed you to love to be active and run, you could call a neighbor and see if they need help clearing sticks or debris from their yard. If God made you to be patient, you could plant some vegetables or flowers. Pray for God to open your eyes to what He would have you do, then walk around your yard or neighborhood to gather ideas.

