

Creativity is imagining what you could do because you were made in God's image.

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DAY 1

Read Esther 4:14

You know the story of Goldilocks and three bears? Goldilocks kept looking for the bowl of porridge and the comfy chair and bed that was "just right." That phrase, "just right" inspired scientists to name the spot where earth is perfectly placed as the Goldilocks Zone or Habitable Zone. If our earth were any closer to the sun, we'd all burn to a crisp and if it were any further away, our planet would turn into one giant snowball.

But it's not just planets. **God places people perfectly too.** Think about Esther. When Haman plotted to have her own people killed, her cousin Mordecai spoke these words, "It's possible that you became queen for a time just like this." We know the rest of the story. Esther courageously spoke the truth and saved her people.

God made you and there is no one in the world (or in the history of people) exactly like you. That means that God has a unique and important purpose for your life. Just as He placed Esther in exactly the right time and place "for a time just like this" God created and who you are is "just right."

DAY 2

Read Jeremiah 29:11

Do you like to cook or bake? In order to create something tasty, it's best to follow a recipe. It is possible to grab some ingredients and to throw them in a pan without a plan. But the end result probably wouldn't be as yummy.

Having a plan is a good thing. And guess what? According to Jeremiah, God has a plan for your life. His plans for you are good. Plans for you to succeed and keep you from harm.

You might be thinking, "Awesome! Where can I look up this step by step plan?" Fortunately, God's plans for you are bigger and better than any recipe. He loves you and He wants you to trust Him, day by day to show you all the amazing things He has in store for you. God created you for a purpose, which means there is something you and only you can do.

Ask your mom or dad if you can help with dinner tonight. Pick out a favorite recipe to follow together. Then read today's verse aloud and pray together as you gather around the table, thanking God for the good plans and purpose He has for you!

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DAY 3

Read Deuteronomy 31:8

When you look up into the night sky, it really does seem like it's a galaxy far, far away. But technically, space begins where earth's atmosphere ends. Scientists call this the Karman Line. Scientists differ on exactly where this line falls (most say 62 miles, but some, including NASA scientists place it 50 miles from sea level). Either way, if we had a super space highway, you could technically drive a car straight up and be in space within an hour or so!

Even though space seems so far away, it's really not. Sometimes God can feel very far away too. But even in the scary and uncertain times, God is still in charge. He is with you, even when He seems far away. He created you for a purpose and He loves you. God is by your side, every day and nothing can separate you from Him.

Grab a piece of paper and write down three things you're worried about. Ask Him to remind you that He goes ahead of you and that He is with you. Thank Him for creating you for a purpose and ask Him to show you each day how you can follow him.

If you're interested in learning more about how God's creation is in relation with the world around us, check out "How Great Is Our God" by Louie Giglio.

DAY 4

Read Proverbs 19:21

Have you ever made a plan that didn't go the way you thought it would? Maybe you planned to go to the pool on your last day of summer break, only to wake up to rain outside the window. Maybe you planned to play with your best friend but he's sick.

Plans aren't bad. In fact, it's good to have a plan so you can get more done. But when it comes to your future, we shouldn't hold on to our own ideas so tightly. Because God made you for a purpose. As you grow, you'll discover God's big purpose for you. That's why it's so important to trust God and walk with Him day by day. **He made you and He has BIG things in store.**

As you pray tonight before going to sleep, spend some time thanking God for the day that's passed. As you think about tomorrow, open your palm out flat (instead of a closed-up fist) and say, "God I know you have a plan for me. I don't want to miss it. Thanks for loving me and creating me with a purpose. In Jesus' name, amen."

