

Welcome to **WAC @home!** We are thrilled to have you join us as we take the month of August to center in on our theme, “Indescribable: Your Creator Has No Limits!” We’ll celebrate our boundless creativity and imagine the amazing things we can do because we are made in God’s image.

How Does It Work?

STEP 1 | Join us as we kick off each week’s theme on WOW @home family worship at **6:00 pm each Wednesday in August** on our Children’s Ministry Facebook page (facebook.com/popchildrens) and YouTube (popmn.org/youtube). Worship can also be viewed anytime afterwards.

STEP 2 | Check out the week’s **supply list** so you’re sure to have everything you need to fully experience WAC@home.

STEP 3 | Use each week’s **Creativity Pack** to explore the weekly theme through WAC-style Family Guides, Journals, Games, Crafts and Serve as it works for your family’s schedule.

STEP 4 | **Repeat** the above steps for each of the four weeks in August!

STEP 5 | Invite your friends to join the fun! All resources are also available to download on our Children’s Ministry webpage (popmn.org/cm).

FAMILY GUIDE |

Creatively Created Animals

- Paper
- Crayons/markers
- Mobile device

Creatively Great

- Bible
- Paper
- Markers
- Tape

JOURNAL |

- Creativity Journal (*provided*)
- Pens/crayons/markers

GAME |

- No supplies needed

CRAFT |

Story Sculpting

- Bible and/or Spark Story Bible
- 2 cups plain flour (*all purpose*)
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil (*baby oil or coconut oil will work, too*)
- 1/2 cup salt
- 2 tablespoons cream of tartar
- 1 to 1.5 cups boiling water
- Gel food coloring (*optional*)
- Few drops glycerine (*optional secret ingredient for stretch and shine!*)

Leaf Rubbings

- Variety of leaves
- Crayons
- Paper

SERVE |

- Trash bag
- Gloves (*one pair per family member*)

BIBLE STORY

Genesis 1—2:3 (2:7, 21-22)

Everywhere You Look | Creation
Spark Story Bible, pg. 2-7, 8-13
 Creation + Adam and Eve

BOTTOM LINE

There's no limit to God's creativity

MEMORY VERSE

"Lord, you are great. You are really worthy of praise. No one can completely understand how great you are."

Psalm 145:3, NIV

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| CREATIVELY CREATED ANIMALS |

What You Need: Paper, crayons/markers, mobile device *(or computer)*

What You Do:

- Hand out the paper and crayons/markers.
- Invite your family to draw a picture of what they think a couple of the Creatively Created Animals (*listed below*) might look like.
- Tell them there's no wrong answer! They should just draw whatever pops into their mind when they hear the name of the animals.
- After a few minutes of drawing, invite each person to show their drawings and the names of the animals they attempted to create.
- Then, look online to see what the animals actually look like.

Creatively Created Animals:

—Red-lipped batfish —Blobfish —Sparklemuffin
 —Leafy sea dragon —Mouse deer —Pointed sawfish

What You Say: "In the beginning, God created everything! God is SO creative. God made light. God made the sky, land, and seas. God made plants, trees, and flowers. God made the sun, moon, and stars. God made birds that fly and fish that swim. God made all the animals that move on the ground. And then, God made the MOST amazing creation of all! What was it? *(pause for ideas)* Yes! God made people! Isn't that amazing? **[Bottom Line] There's no limit to God's creativity!**

What You Share: "What's your favorite thing that God made? *(pause for ideas)* Why is that your favorite? God made SO many creative things. God is amazing! **[Bottom Line] There's no limit to God's creativity."**

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What You Do:

- Look up Psalm 145:3 and read it together as a family. Practice repeating it until everybody is very familiar with it.
- Write the verse in large letters on a piece of paper. Underline the word "GREAT" in the verse (*it appears two times*), and tape the verse to a wall.
- Organize your family to stand in a single-file line with the lead person about 10 feet away from the verse.
- When you say, "Go," the first person in line should run to the verse and verbally replace the word "great" in the memory verse with another word that describes God.
—For example, "LORD you are wise. You are really worthy of praise. No one can completely understand how wise you are."
—Other examples include: wonderful, faithful, joyful, forgiving, amazing, patient, loving.
- Then, they should run to the end of the line. The new lead person should now run to the verse, and replace great with a different word describing God.
- As it becomes difficult to come up with new words, you can brainstorm together before sending the lead person to the verse.
- When you are done, work together to try to remember all of the descriptive words you came up with.

What You Say: "God is worthy of our praise. We can praise God because God is great. We can praise God because God is creative and (*words you used in the activity*). God's greatness has no limits just like **[Bottom Line] there's no limit to God's creativity**. When I think about all the words we used to describe God, it reminds me how much there is to know about God. God gave us the Bible so we can read about God. God gave us Jesus so we could learn how to live and love like God. God gave us creation so we can see God and God's creativity all around us all the time!

What You Share:

- Invite each person to share about a time they were struck by God's creativity. Maybe they were star-gazing and tried to find the big dipper and were amazed by the vastness of the sky. Or maybe they love dogs and are amazed by all the different types of dogs God created.

What You Say: "Let's pray. Dear God, you are great! And you alone are worthy of our praise. When we look around at all the things you made, we can see that there's no limit to your creativity. Thank you, God, for making us in your image. Remind us every time we look in the mirror that we, too, are works of art made to reflect your love to the world. Amen."

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What You Need: Creativity Journal, pen/crayons/markers

What You Say: "When we look at the world, we see that God is creative. God didn't make just one kind of tree or one type of bird to build a nest in its branches. God didn't create a rainbow with only one color. God made so many different things that we couldn't list them all no matter how hard we tried. **[Bottom Line] There's no limit to God's creativity.** God's creativity doesn't end with the world God made. God's creativity shines through each of us. God made each of us in God's image. God made us to think, feel, and act just a bit like God. Imagine what you can do because you're made in God's image."

What You Do:

- Pull out your Creativity Journal and a pen/crayons/markers.
- With permission, go sit outside and just look around at God's amazing creation.
- Once you find something that catches your eye (*a tree, a bird, a plant, leaf, water, etc.*), watch it for a while and allow yourself to be inspired by it.
- Without thinking too much about it, write down some descriptive words that come to mind. Is it colorful? Shiny? Sharp? Smooth? Does it move or is it still? Is it solid or soft?
- Once you've come up with some descriptive words for the object, put those words into sentences to create a creation poem.
- You can do this as many times as you want about different things you see in God's creation. Just allow yourself to be inspired by God's amazing creativity and let your God-given creativity shine!

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What You Do:

- Play a game of Charades.
- Team up and assign one person to be the actor and the others on the team to be the guessers.
- Without speaking, the actor uses dramatic movement to pantomime something in God's creation.
- The others on the team guess until they get it right.
- Then, it's the next team's turn.
- Continue until everyone on both teams has had a turn being an actor.

What You Say: "Sometimes we think of creativity only through the lens of art and we forget that we can express our creativity in lots of different ways! One way to live out our God-given creativity is through movement! We used a ton of creativity when we were acting out God's creation! And just like **[Bottom Line] there's no limit to God's creativity**, there's no limit to ours!

- What did you learn about yourself during this activity? Did you like the acting part or the guessing part better?

"Let's pray. Creator God, you created us to be creative! Sometimes we forget that there are so many ways to be creative! Thank you for creating us to be creative people. Help us to use our creativity as we play, work, worship, serve and love! In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

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| STORY SCULPTING |

What You Need: Bible and/or Spark Story Bible; ingredients to make play dough: 2 cups plain flour (*all purpose*), 2 tablespoons vegetable oil (*baby oil and coconut oil work too*), 1/2 cup salt, 2 tablespoons cream of tartar, 1 to 1.5 cups boiling water (*adding in increments until it feels just right*), gel food coloring (*optional*), few drops glycerine (*optional secret ingredient for stretch and shine!*)

What You Do:

- Make up a batch of homemade play dough
 - Mix the flour, salt, cream of tartar and oil in a large mixing bowl
 - Boil water
 - (*Optional*) Add food coloring to the boiling water
 - Pour (*colored*) water into the dry ingredients
 - Stir continuously until it becomes a sticky, combined dough
 - (*Optional*) Add the glycerine
 - Allow it to cool down and then take it out of the bowl and knead it vigorously for a couple of minutes until it is no longer sticky. *This is the most important part of the process, so keep at it until it's the perfect consistency! If it remains a little sticky, add a touch more flour until just right
- Give everybody a ball of play dough.
- Read Genesis 1–2:3 and/or "Creation" (p. 2-7) from the Spark Story Bible.
- As you read, invite everybody to sculpt one or more objects that relates to the story.
- Remember to include something from day seven when God rested, like a pillow or a bed.
- When everyone has finished sculpting, challenge other family members to identify the sculpture and how it relates to the story.
- As a family, put the sculptures in order according to the story.

| LEAF RUBBINGS |

What You Need: Leaves in a variety of shapes and sizes; crayons; paper

What You Do:

- Collect leaves of various shapes and sizes. You can use fresh leaves or dried fallen ones.
- Place leaf with the bottom side facing up.
- Put a sheet of paper, preferably thin or lightweight, over the leaf.
- Rub the side of a crayon on the area over the leaf. As you do this, you'll see the colored areas start to take the shape of the leaf. Continue until you've rubbed over the entire leaf.

- Remove the leaf from under the paper.
- Make more rubbings using other colors and different leaf shapes.
- Hang your leaf creations somewhere to remind you to celebrate God's amazing creation.

What You Say: "Creation is the greatest work of art of all time and we are all part of it. From nothing, God made everything. All we have to do is look at the different types of plants, the variety of animals and fish, or the vastness of the sky to know **[Bottom Line] there's no limit to God's creativity**. And look at each of us. God made all of us in God's image, and none of us is exactly the same! Everywhere we look, we can see **[Bottom Line] there's no limit to God's creativity**.

"Let's pray. Dear God, your amazing creation illustrates your limitless creativity. Thank you for creating the world. Thank you for creating us in your image. Be with us and guide us as we discover all the ways we can be creative in your world. Amen."

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Creation + Adam and Eve

What You Need:

- Bible and/or Spark Story Bible; trash bag; gloves (*one pair per family member*)

What You Do:

- Read Genesis 1:26-30 and/or “Adam and Eve,” pg. 8-13 in the Spark Story Bible.
- Give everyone a pair of gloves and, along with the trash bag, head out on a nature walk to your favorite park or trail. Pick up any trash you find along the way as a way to help care for God’s creation.

BOTTOM LINE

There’s no limit to God’s creativity

What You Say: “God created people to take care of the earth. In fact, it’s an honor for us to be able to care for and love the world that God so lovingly created. Let’s make it our family’s habit to keep God’s creation healthy and clean by not only noticing trash along the way, but picking it up and putting it where it belongs.

“Let’s pray. Dear Lord, sometimes we are in such a hurry that we race right past the trash in our path. We tell ourselves we don’t have time to pick it up right now and that we’ll do it later...or we don’t have gloves and don’t want to touch it. When that happens, help us to find a solution. Give us a heart for your creation. Help us to work together to keep it clean and safe for the animals and your people. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.”

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