

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 |

- Index cards (*6 per person*)/Paper cut in six pieces per person
- Markers, crayons, and/or colored pencils

JOURNAL |

- Creativity Journal
- Pens/crayons/markers

GAME |

- Bible
- Paper bag
- Skit-in-a-bag props (*ideas on Game Card*)

CRAFT |

- Paper
- Markers/crayons/colored pencils

SERVE |

- Pen/crayons
- Gift bag
- Blank card
- Toothpaste (*full-size*)
- 2 toothbrushes (*full-size*)
- 2 bars of soap (*full-size*)
- 1 shampoo (*full-size*)

BIBLE STORY

Ephesians 2:10

Place in This World | We Are God's
Creation

BOTTOM LINE

God created you, so you can be
creative

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

LIFE APP

Creativity | Imagining what you
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What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

- Guide your family to gather around you and curl up on the floor, closing their eyes.
- Say, "Long ago, before you were ever born, God knew you and loved you. God knew that God would create you, and God knew that you would be the incredibly special person you are. And one day, the time came for you to be born."
- Guide your family in pantomiming growing from babies to the age they are now.
- You can guide them through the following developmental milestones:
 - Smiling
 - Rolling from back to stomach and stomach to back
 - Holding their toes while lying on their backs
 - Sitting
 - Crawling
 - Walking
 - Throwing a ball
 - Drinking from a cup
 - Running, jumping, and climbing
- Next, lead everyone to pantomime things they can do now.
- Encourage them to pantomime things they enjoy doing: playing soccer, drawing, playing video games, reading, or building with blocks.
- Comment on what each family member is doing and how it's creative.

What You Say: "God created you exactly the way that you are! You are God's special masterpiece. And you know what? **[Bottom Line] God created you, so you can be creative.** You can use all the things you like to do to love God and show others what God is like. You can praise God by doing what you're good at and doing what you like to do. So, remember: **[Bottom Line] God created you, so you can be creative.**"

| SQUIGGLE ART |

What You Need: Index cards (*6 per person*), markers, crayons, and/or colored pencils

What You Do:

- Give everybody 6 index cards (*or cut full-sized paper to make cards for everyone*) and a dark-colored marker/crayon/colored pencil.
- Instruct everybody to draw one unique simple squiggle shape on each of their cards.
- Gather the cards, shuffle them up, and randomly hand one card to each family member.

- Encourage everybody to create an object or picture incorporating the squiggle shape on their card, using whatever writing/drawing utensils you have to make it as colorful and unique as possible.
- When everyone is finished, share your creations with each other. Be sure to notice and talk about how beautiful and unique each creation is.

What You Say: “What a fun way to show that we can creatively work together to do some pretty cool things! **[Bottom Line] God created you, so you can be creative!** We’re amazingly creative on our own, but when we partner our creativity together, there’s no end to what can happen!

“Let’s pray. Creative God, your love for us is endless. Your vision for our lives is limitless. Help us to see how we can use our creativity, and partner creatively with others, to spread your love to your world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.”

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

What You Say: "When we look at all God made, we see how creative God is. We are the masterpiece of God's creation. We are all made in the image of God, yet each of us has different things we enjoy and different talents. Some of us are good at art or designing cool structures with blocks. Some of us enjoy sports or music. Some of us love to read. Imagine all we can do because we are made in God's image. **[Bottom Line] God created you, so you can be creative.** You can figure out ways to use the things you enjoy and the things you are good at to help others and show them God's love."

What You Do:

- Pull out your Creativity Journal and a pen/crayons/markers
- Read this month's Memory Verse, found on the left column of this card.
- Think about what Pastor Paul talked about when he shared about writing prayers.
 - What does he think about before he starts writing?
 - What things guide him as he puts the pieces together?
- Think about what Megan talked about when she shared about song writing. It's neat to know that many of the worship songs we sing are actually prayers set to music!
- Spend some time focusing in on God's amazing love for you and the fact that **[Bottom Line] God created you, so you can be creative.**
- Use your Creativity Journal to record some prayers to God about what's on your heart right now. Who are people who need your prayers? What are some situations you would like to give over to God? What are you excited about? What makes you nervous?
- Now, think about how you might make those prayers a song by setting them to music! Think about one of your favorite song tunes and arrange the words of your prayer to fit.
- Know that, no matter what it is, no matter what words or tune you use, God is listening. There's no right or wrong way to pray...you can pray ALWAYS and you can pray ALL WAYS. Let your creativity flow and use it to talk to God this week.

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What You Need: Bible; paper bag; a hodgepodge of props to use to put on a skit. Ideas might include...

- Hat
- Strainer
- Bandana
- Scarf
- Wooden spoon
- Vacuum attachment
- Pair of boots
- Aluminum pot cover

What You Do:

- Before your family gathers, secretly gather props and put them in a paper bag.
- Once your family is together, read Ephesians 2:10.

What You Say: "There is nothing more creative than God. And **[Bottom Line]** God created you, so you can be creative, too! In this bag, I have several items. In just a minute, we'll take them out and our mission is to create the most creative story we can. The only catch: we have to use all of the items in the bag!"

What You Do:

- Take out and name the props, one by one.
- Lay them all out and start brainstorming your skit, remembering that you need to use everything in the bag in the skit.
- The only other "rule" is that your story should have a character who is somehow discovering their creativity.
- Have some fun as a family acting out your skit!

What You Say: "God created you just as you are: a very creative and amazing person. There are lots of ways to be creative. Creating and acting out skits is one fun way to live out our creativity.

- What did you learn about yourself in doing the skit? Did you prefer to think it up or to act it out or both?
- Do you think you might explore drama or the theater as a way to live out your creativity in the future?

"Remember, God created you exactly the way you are! And you know what? You can use all the things you like to do to love God and share God's love with others. **[Bottom Line]** God created you, so you can be creative."

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What You Need: Paper, markers, crayons or colored pencils

What You Do:

- Give everybody a piece of paper and set out markers, crayons, and/or colored pencils where everybody can share them.
- Have everybody trace around their hand.
- As they work, review Ephesians 2:10 and talk about what the phrase, "We are God's handiwork" means...
- Explain that being God's handiwork means that we are created by God.—We are God's special, favorite creation—we are God's masterpiece, God's BEST work of art!
—Emphasize that since God created us, we can be creative, too.
- Encourage your family to name ways they are creative...
—They may say that they're good at art, dancing, or music, but be sure to help them think outside the box, too.
—Solving puzzles; building amazing things with blocks or toys; being a whiz at technology; thinking of ways to help animals; caring for the world God made; cheering up someone who is sad; or helping friends get along
- Lead your family to draw or write within their handprint the way(s) that they're creative. Then, invite them to decorate their handprints as they choose.
- They can add colorful designs, shapes, or patterns inside and all around their handprints.
- Their creativity is the only limit!

What You Say: "You are God's special creation. There's NO ONE exactly like you. And do you know what? **[Bottom Line] God created you, so you can be creative.** And God wants you to use your creativity to change the world around you! You could draw a picture to cheer up a friend who is sad. You could bake cookies and deliver them to a neighbor who is sick. You could say kind things to encourage your teammates, or you could organize a neighborhood book drive to donate gently used books for teachers to use in their classrooms."

What You Share:

- Take turns sharing about a time you used your creativity to show others who God is and what God is like.

What You Do:

- Invite each person to look at their "God's Hand-iwork" creation.

What You Say: "Last week we talked about how there's no limit to God's creativity. This week we're discovering that **[Bottom Line] God created you, so you can be creative.** Since there's no limit to God's creativity... there's no limit to ours either! And just as our hand-iwork shows, we are

all creative in different ways...but that creativity all works together to shine God's creativity with the world!

"This week, let's come up with a family plan to creativity show others who God is and what God is like! (*Brainstorm ideas.*) Good ideas! You can come up with creative ideas because **[Bottom Line] God created you, so you can be creative.**

"Let's pray. Creative God, you are amazing. There's no limit to what you can do. Help us to remember that, because you created us, we can be creative, too! Help us to use the creativity you've given us to shine your light for all the world to see! We are excited to keep discovering the many different ways we are creative. Open our hearts and minds so we can grow closer to you. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

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What You Need:

- Pen/crayons; donations for hygiene bags for Prince of Peace's Mission Outpost...
- Gift bag
- Blank card
- 1 full-sized toothpaste
- 2 full-sized toothbrushes
- 2 full-sized bars of soap
- 1 full-sized shampoo

BOTTOM LINE

God created you, so you can be creative

What You Do:

- Read Ephesians 2:10.

What You Say: "This is a great verse that reminds us that we were created by a very creative God who blessed us with the ability to be creative in the way we live our lives.

We have all sorts of choices in how we can spend our time and our resources. One choice is to live and give generously so others might come to know God's love through our kindness. This week we're going to take the opportunity to live out our creativity through serving others."

MEMORY VERSE

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What You Do:

- Fill your family's Hygiene Bag with the following items:
 - 1 full-sized toothpaste
 - 2 full-sized bars of soap
 - 2 full-sized toothbrushes
 - 1 full-sized shampoo
- Decorate your card with a note to the family who will receive your gift and put it in the bag. Ideas could be "Jesus loves you and so do we!" "Have a great day!" or maybe your family's favorite Bible verse and a picture that lets them know they are loved.
- Pray over your bag...

"Dear Lord, we are so thankful for the many ways we can live out our creativity. Thank you for the gift of being able to help another family. Please bless this bag and the family who receives it. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen."

- Bring your family's Hygiene Bag to the tables under the white tent outside the Mission Outpost, located in the lower lot of Prince of Peace's Christian Life Center.

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