

## CREATIVE IN CHURCH

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### Bible Readings

Take a few minutes to read the Bible verses listed and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you in how this verse applies to you this week.

Colossians 3: 12-17, 1 Peter 4: 10-11

### Memory Verse

4 A body is made up of many parts, and each of them has its own use. 5 That's how it is with us. There are many of us, but we each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another.

Romans 12:4-5



# CASEY'S DAY

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Cody loves to knit. He makes everything from scarves to blankets for his family. But Cody doesn't like going to church. He feels like there isn't a place for him there. He has trouble listening to some sermons and singing some songs he doesn't know. He would rather be knitting. Do you ever feel like Cody does?

Romans 12:5 talks about church when it says, "We each are part of the body of Christ, as well as part of one another." Church is more than just a building or service. The church is God's family. God knows we need people with different gifts around us to grow (Romans 12:6-8), so he asks us to worship together.

God loves it when you use your gifts to tell his story. Using your talents to give glory to God is a kind of worship. Use your gifts whenever you are with God's family. Practice the songs; think about what they are saying. Draw pictures of the Bible stories you hear or of things you want to pray for. Talk to your parents or pastor about how you can use your talents in worship. Use your creativity to love God's family. Think about

what people in your church like, then come up with ways to give them that thing. Whatever you do, remember: God wants you to be with him and his people, using your creative gifts.

Maybe one Sunday, Cody's mom pointed to a bulletin announcement for helpers to create colorful banners for the sanctuary. Or maybe, Cody saw a Mitten Tree for the local homeless ministry nearby that really needed warm mittens and hats. It would be cool if Cody started bringing his yarn and knitting needles to church. Maybe church was a place where he could serve after all!

## Prayer

Father, thank you for giving me a family in the church. Help me to praise you and love them in creative ways. Amen.

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