

CREATIVITY IN ACTION

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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.

Exodus 35:30-36:7

Memory Verse

So God created humans to be like himself; he made men and women. (CEV)

Genesis 1:27



CASEY'S DAY

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Did you know you're creative? You can be creative by doing something artistic, like drawing, writing, or dancing. You may use your creativity to find the perfect material for a science experiment or plan a party for your friend. Creativity helps you identify problems and use your imagination to find solutions; it helps you think outside of the box to make something wonderful!

When God wanted his people to build a special place of worship, he helped Moses think outside of the box to solve problems. Moses knew they needed to build the Tabernacle, and God provided just the right craftspeople with just the right gifts to help out. God also gave men named Bezalel and Oholiab wisdom and artistic gifts. They were such great artists that they were able to teach others with their skills. People gave gifts to help build the place of worship, and they had more than enough.

The Israelites had a couple of challenges, though. First of all, they were in the middle of a desert, which was a difficult place to find supplies. They had to make *everything* needed for the sacred tent, the worship services, and the special clothes the priests would wear. Everything had to be beautiful and decorated, but it also had to last a long time. After all, this special place of worship was for *God*, so each and every part of the Tabernacle had to be the best it could be. Also, they needed all the items to be portable for the journey to the Promised Land. While they built their tabernacle and all of its special items, they kept this in mind. With teamwork and creativity, they were able to make a beautiful, useful tabernacle where they could worship God together.

God—who *created* everything—gave all of us the beautiful gift of creativity. The best thing you can do with that gift is to use it. You might create beauty that lasts a short time, like a chalk drawing, or a long time, like a clay pot. You might make things that are useful, like a tree fort, or create something to help others, like a step stool for your little sister. You might share songs and stories that can be enjoyed again and again. Just like God helped the Israelites do creative things to worship him, you'll see God help you do wonderful, creative things each and every day!

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that you made me in your image; you have given me a creative mind and a loving heart. Please teach me to appreciate the wonderful things you made and help me to help others with my creativity. Amen.

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