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Key Question What is my favourite part of God's Creation?

Life Application I can be creative because God is creative.

Bottom Line God made everything we can know and see

Basic Truth I can trust God no matter what

DAY 5: Use your Imagination to Create

How will I use my imagination to create?

Supplies:

- Notebook
- Pen

Host

Good morning VISTO! (Hold out V-shaped fingers. Wait for a response from the Campers)
Today's the day! Showcase Day! (jazz hands) I am so happy you are here today. This week of camp has been amazing!

Let's get started with a game.

Worldbuilding - Game

Host

Sit as a Crew in a circle on the floor. Your Crew Leader will start with a phrase. From that phrase, combine your ideas to create an imaginary world together.

Work together to add details to the world about the people, the weather, the food, the landscape, the buildings or animals, etc.

Be creative and use your imaginations; however, create a world that makes sense and can work and operate as if it were a real world.

As each person contributes a sentence to describe your imaginary world, try to picture it in your imagination.

MADE TO WONDER

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Some phrase prompts:

- A floating city in the clouds
- Inside an ant farm
- A corndog stand at an amusement park
- Underwater inside a sunken pirate ship

Host

Wow! What imaginations you have, Campers! We created unique worlds when we combined our imaginations.

Recap of the Week's Truths

Cue Bible Story SFX

Host

Campers, lean in. This week has been all about creativity. God is creative and made everything, including you and me.

You can be creative, too and do activities, schoolwork, chores, and sports in creative ways to make it fun.

We learned how God creatively puts the pieces of your life together to make a beautiful mosaic. The things you learn and experience make your life unique and important.

We also learned how God has given you special gifts and talents that you can use to help and encourage those around you.

Call & Response: **From shining stars to deep blue sea; made to wonder, endlessly!**

Host

There is another way that you can be creative that I would love to explore with you, VISTO Campers. We used it today in our game. It's our imagination!

VERA comes running on stage with a notebook and giant pencil in her hands.

VERA

Hi, everyone!

"Hi, VERA!"

Host

Hi, VERA.

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VERA

I'm so sorry I'm late. I lost track of time. I was lost in my imagination.

Host

What were you imagining?

VERA

I am taking an art class all week, remember? We learned how to paint, how to make mosaics, and now we are learning how to draw. I must use my imagination to create a world with a castle and a magical forest.

Host

Well, VERA, we just played a game using our imagination.

Your imagination creates pictures in your mind of things that aren't yet.

God gave you an imagination for a few reasons. One is to help you create things. You can use your imagination when drawing a picture.

VERA jumps in to say

VERA

Like a picture of my imaginative world with a castle and a magical forest.

Host

Right. You can use your imagination when building with Lego or wood. You use your imagination when painting a picture.

All of these aren't created yet, but you have a picture in your mind of what they can look like.

VERA

Wow! My friend likes to write stories. She uses her imagination to picture the characters and the town they live in and what they do in her stories.

Host

That's a wonderful way to use her imagination. Not only can you use your imagination to create things, God gave you an imagination to relate to others.

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Let's say your friend comes to school and you can tell they have been crying. You learn that their dog ate their homework, they spilled their cereal bowl all over the floor, and they forgot their lunch. They did bad on their math test. Their phone fell in the toilet and didn't turn back on. All before school even started!

You can use your imagination to picture in your mind all of that happening to them. Now you can relate and maybe cheer them up and be a good friend.

VERA

Wow! I want to use my imagination to relate to other people better.

Host

God also gave you an imagination to help you succeed.

Let's say you're at your hockey game and you get a breakaway and it's you, the goalie, and the next score. Do you picture the puck going in the net?

If you are preparing for a dance recital, do you use your imagination to go through the dance steps in your head? Before you get on stage, do you picture where you should stand and what it will feel like doing your routine in front of the audience?

The more you use your imagination in times like these, you will succeed.

Let's say you give a speech at school. Use your imagination to picture yourself standing in front of class, holding your note cards, and using the slides you made. Picture it going well and the class clapping for you when your speech is done.

VERA

___Host's name___, what if your imagination pictures the class laughing at you?

Host

That's OK, VERA, because then you can think ahead of what you will do or how you will respond if someone in the class laughs. Then you don't have to feel afraid to give your speech because you have a plan for how to respond if something doesn't go well.

These are all ways you can use your imagination.

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VERA

Wow! This is so neat! I'm excited to use my imagination to create my world with a castle and a magical forest. I'll see you later, Campers! Bye, everyone!

VERA exits.

Host

Will you be creative and use your imagination?

That's the question I want you to think about today: How will I use my imagination to create things, to relate to others better, and to picture a situation or moment before it happens to help me succeed?

How will I use my imagination to create?

Cue Question of the Day Animation and SFX