

Creativity is using your imagination to do something new.

DAY 1

Read Genesis 41:16

When Joseph appeared before Pharaoh, there was a lot at stake. Pharaoh had the power to send him back to prison or set him free. Joseph could interpret the dream and take all the credit or he could acknowledge that God was the one who helped him.

Joseph said, "I can't do it, but God can!" With God's help, Joseph told Pharaoh exactly what the dream meant and give him a plan to help the nation survive. Pharaoh was so impressed with Joseph's problem-solving skills that he not only freed him, but he made him his second in command! Problem solved.

Just like Joseph, you can use what God gave you to solve problems.

Problem Solving Steps

Below is a list of things you can do the next time there's a problem to be solved.

1. Take a deep breath.
2. Tell God about the problem.
3. Brainstorm some solutions.
4. Think about and evaluate each option.
5. Practice your chosen solution.
6. ASK: Did my solution work? Why or why not?

DAY 2

Read Proverbs 3:5-6

Parts of Your Brain

What do you know about the brain in your head? Draw a line to match the parts of the brain with their "jobs" below.

Parts of the Brain	Function
Frontal Lobe	Controls short term memory, speech, musical rhythm and some smell recognition
Parietal Lobe	Involves your vision
Occipital Lobe	Helps identify objects and spatial awareness (where you are compared to objects around you)
Temporal Lobe	Involves personality, decision making, and movement

All the parts of your brain work together to help you understand the world around you! Your frontal lobe helps you make decisions. Your occipital lobe helps your eyes to see an object while your parietal lobe helps you name it. Your temporal lobe helps you remember what you did five minutes ago.

God made that awesome brain of yours! God wants to help you creatively solve the problems around you!

DAY 3

Read James 1:5

What's the very first word of today's verse?

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Guess what? We all need wisdom! And when we need wisdom, who gives it? God! God gives it freely which means that God isn't stingy because there's plenty to go around!

The next time you have a problem to solve, start by asking God for help.

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#### Mark It Up

Grab your Bible and some colored pencils. Use a yellow colored pencil to draw a crown over God every time it appears in the verse. Use other colors to draw a box around the word wisdom. Underline the words "needs," "ask," "give" and "gives freely." Add any other markings you choose that will help certain words stand out so you can learn the verse by heart.

DAY 4

### Read Philippians 4:6

When you have a problem, who do you talk to? Maybe your Mom or Dad. Maybe a best friend? God has placed people in our lives to help us. But sometimes, when there's a problem and we need help, talking to God is the best first step.

Why? Because talking to God reminds us who's really in charge. When a problem seems too big, prayer can remind us that NOTHING we face in life is bigger than God.

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Talk To God

In the box below, write out a prayer to God about a problem you need help solving. Then pray and ask God to help you think about a creative solution that you hadn't thought of before.

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