

# The Art of Creation

**MANY FAMOUS ARTISTS** and photographers have spent countless hours capturing the beauty of wild landscapes. Whether it is the colors of autumn, white fluffy snow draped over branches or piled on high mountain peaks, the bright colors of wildflowers in fields or forests, or the desert following a storm, the beauty can take your breath away. Wildflowers decorate scenes with a multitude of colors, standing out brightly from green backdrops.

Not only do flowers look pretty, but as with everything in God's creation they were made with purpose. Flowers come in all sorts of shapes and colors and act as a food source for many insects, birds, and all sorts of other

animals. God designed different flowers to come out at different times so there are flowers available throughout the seasons. But that is not all. As their time to be beautiful comes to an end, flowers are transformed into fruits, vegetables, nuts, and seeds, which continue to decorate the landscape in bright reds, oranges, yellows, and even blues and purples, and act as tasty treats and an important food source for a wide variety of wildlife (and people too).

In Matthew, while talking about how God provides for all of creation, Jesus comments on the beauty of wildflowers: "See how the flowers of the field grow. ... (N)ot even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these" (Matt. 6:28-29). Flowers were created to be beautiful. Our Creator has infused the world with beauty—a beauty that inspires us.

Genesis tells us we are created in the image of God, so it makes sense that because God is creative, we are creative too. Creativity can be shown through art, writing, music, drama, dance, and many other ways that help us celebrate the beauty of God shown through his creation and express the joy and wonder it makes us feel.

## **Dig Deeper**

Read Exodus 35:30-35. God gives many skills to the people he has chosen, but God also gives them the skill of teaching others. What do you think that tells us about what we should do with our talents?

## **Try This!**

Capture the beauty of flowers by taking pictures of as many different flowers as you can find. How many colors did you find? How many shapes?



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