

The Adventure Begins

14 Devotions for New Believers

What You Were Made to Do

Memorize This: We are God's creation. He created us to belong to Christ Jesus. Now we can do good works. Long ago God prepared these works for us to do. – Ephesians 2:10 (NirV)

Big Idea: God has good work planned for me to do.

Think About This: Let's play a game. Below is a list of three objects. Each of them is made for a special job. What do you think each one of them is made to do?

1. Backpack: _____
2. Fork: _____
3. LEGO brick: _____

How did you do? Did you have trouble figuring out what those things are made to do? I bet most of them were pretty easy, right? If you take one look at each of objects, it's kind of obvious they were made for a specific purpose.

1. Backpacks are made to carry stuff.
2. Forks are made to pick up food.
3. LEGO bricks are made for building things.

Did you know you're made for a purpose too? Ephesians 2:10 says you are God's masterpiece! That means God made you special, like a work of art. However, God did not make you to hang on a wall in a museum all day. He made you to go out and do amazing things to share His love.

That same Bible verse goes on to say that not only are you a work of art, but you're a work of art made to belong to Jesus and to do good things. What good things? Well, God wants us to do good any chance we get, so if you see a chance to do something good, go for it!

But there are some special jobs that God has prepared just for you! God made you with talents and abilities to use for others.

What do you love to do? What's important to you? What do you get excited about and can talk about all day? What are you good at? What are you not so good at right now, but you're willing to practice so you can get better at it?

God put all that stuff in you—your talents, skills, and things your care about—and He did it so you can use them to help other people and to show His love.

If you like to draw, draw a picture to encourage someone. If you like to ride your bike, invite someone who needs a friend to ride bikes with you. If you like to help, give someone a helping hand.

As you grow up, you can experiment to discover the things you love and things God made you to do really well. Some things will come easy for you, but for most things you'll have to practice so you will get better at them over time. You don't have to be the best at something to do it for God. Just do your best and let God handle the rest.

Put It Into Action:

Make a list of things you love to do, things you're good at and things you'd like to practice to get better at doing. Now work with a grown-up to figure out how you might use each one of these things to serve God and others.

Prayer:

God thank you for giving me special talents and abilities. Show me the good stuff you planned a long time ago for me to do. Please help me to use my talents to serve others. Amen!