



FINE ARTS

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discipleship dimension: holy spirit

DIMENSION OBJECTIVE:

Develop creativity and innovation.



Broom Closet Ideas

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scripture

“Therefore, Pharaoh should find an intelligent and wise man and put him in charge of the entire land of Egypt. Then Pharaoh should appoint supervisors over the land and let them collect one-fifth of all the crops during the seven good years. Have them gather all the food produced in the good years that are just ahead and bring it to Pharaoh’s storehouses. Store it away, and guard it so there will be food in the cities. That way there will be enough to eat when the seven years of famine come to the land of Egypt. Otherwise, this famine will destroy the land.’ Joseph’s suggestions were well received by Pharaoh and his officials. So Pharaoh asked his officials, ‘Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the spirit of God?’ Then Pharaoh said to Joseph, ‘Since God has revealed the meaning of the dreams to you, clearly no one else is as intelligent or wise as you are. You will be in charge of my court, and all my people will take orders from you. Only I, sitting on my throne, will have a rank higher than yours.’”

Genesis 41:33–40

“don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.”

Romans 12:2

discover

The Bible is filled with the real-life stories of God inspiring creative solutions to person after person that ended up saving the day. If you ever thought the Bible was boring, you’re not reading it right! This is one of those superhero-saves-the-world-again-and-again books as you read how God not only saved His people, but He used divine creativity to do it. We all know God could have done it all Himself. He still could today. Yet, He chose to use Moses to part the Red Sea so an entire nationality would be safe, Joseph to save generations from starvation by interpreting a dream, John’s exile to an island to reveal what’s going to happen in the last days. Wow. Talk about innovation and creativity!

We have modern day examples of this too. Former national youth director Ralph Harris prayed for a new, God-given idea in a broom closet in between meetings at the National Assemblies of God Office. What did God inspire him to do? Start a little program called Speed the Light. Now, decades later, Speed the Light has given millions of dollars to missionaries around the world utilizing the passion of youth students in our movement. And it was started in a broom closet.

develop

God is our Creator and we are His creation, therefore we are creative. It all comes from Him. The greatest way we can develop creativity is by the renewing of our mind (Romans 12). In the position paper on baptism in the Holy Spirit, our movement declares, "It is possible for a sincere seeker to be so preoccupied with a sense of personal unworthiness that the Spirit cannot flow freely through that person. . . . Since the edification of God's people is the overarching purpose of spiritual gifts in the assembly (1 Corinthians 12:7; 14:3–6,12), Spirit-filled believers should desire them earnestly (1 Corinthians 12:31; 14:1)." When we let God renew our minds to seek His perfect will, His Spirit fills us with God-given ideas that have larger impact than what we can dream up on our own. And this is a lifetime pursuit. Even pastors still need to seek the infilling of the Holy Spirit to lead our churches with innovation. How do you think your school would be changed if you received fresh innovation from God like Joseph, Moses, or Ralph Harris did?

deploy

Read through the story of Joseph in Genesis 37–44. As a team, write down the actions of Joseph from each chapter and the result or consequence of each action. Discuss as a group the differences between Joseph's actions and their effects from chapter 37 to 44. What specific actions did he change from when he was growing up in his father's house to being in Potiphar's house?

prayer

Team up one-on-one and pray over each other that the Giver of all good gifts would renew your mind and teach you beyond what you've learned. Ask Him to develop you beyond your abilities and give you God-given broom-closet ideas to impact a hurting world with the hope of Christ.