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WILDFLOWERS

Scavenger Hunt
& Devotional



“Why do you worry about clothes? Look at how the lilies in the field grow. They don’t work or make clothes for themselves.”

Matthew 6:28



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HOW MANY TYPES OF FLOWERS CAN YOU FIND?

- Time of day: Early or mid morning
- Best location: Meadow or natural area
- If you have one, bring a magnifying glass to study the flowers' details closely, along with a nature journal and colored pencils to sketch flowers.
- After your adventure, read the devotional on the following page.



A flower with 6 or less petals



A flower on a vine



A flower with 8 or more petals



A flower being visited by a pollinating insect



A flower with white petals



A flower with basal rosette leaves (growing in a circle on the ground, not up the stem.)



A flower wet with morning dew



A flower with an umbel (a bunch of little flowers grow from the same spot and spread out like the spokes of an umbrella.)



A bell-shaped flower



A composite flower (such as a sunflower or daisy). Look at this image to the right. Can you see the tiny florets beginning to blossom in the center disc? Those are individual "disc flowers." What look like petals are "ray flowers." A single composite "flower" is actually hundreds to thousands of flowers!



- What is a favorite thing you saw?
- What is a favorite thing you heard?
- What is a favorite thing you smelled?
- What is a favorite thing you felt?



EXPLORE GOD'S WORD

Flowers don't seem very busy, do they? They don't walk around, go to the store, wash dishes, or take care of babies. They remain in place, yet they accomplish a great deal of important work in God's wild and wonderful world.



In today's verse (Matthew 6:28), Jesus used flowers to teach an important lesson to His followers. He taught them in Matthew 6:28-34 that flowers do not work or make their own clothes. God takes care of the flowers. Do you think that each night while we are sleeping, God delivers fancy coats or dresses to each flower? Of course not. Instead, God takes care of flowers by designing them with everything they need, including green leaves to soak up sunshine, which they turn into food, and sweet nectar to attract insects that help spread their pollen, allowing more flowers to grow.

In His flower lesson, Jesus taught us that we don't need to work for what God has already given us. Sometimes, when we follow Jesus, we feel like we need to work very hard to impress God or win His approval, or to provide for ourselves all we need. Instead, like the flowers, we can simply live by God's design. As we do this, the work looks very different, and it becomes full of joy! We recognize that God is our ultimate provider. We have the opportunity to cooperate with God in our growth by studying the Bible, spending time in prayer, and with others who follow Jesus, as well as by exploring God's creation. When we do these things, we are kind of like the flowers. How so? We are living by God's design, growing by His grace, and full of His beauty and wonder.

How can you live and work by God's design like the flowers do? In whatever you do, you can say this prayer: Dear God, thank you for giving me everything I need. Help me to work at Your pace, by Your power, and for Your glory. And to trust You as my provider. In Jesus's name, amen.

