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“By doing what they were made to do.”

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When having Bible study with the girls, I will ask them to explain a passage after I read it. Saturday evening, I read various psalms. I read Psalm 19:1-3...

*“The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.
Day after day, they pour forth speech;
night after night, they reveal knowledge.
They have no speech, and they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.”*

I then asked the girls, “What does that mean? How can the heavens and skies and trees and nature declare the glory of God without words or the ability to talk?”

My three oldest girls (the fourth is 2.5 years old) gave different but correct answers.

Lucy Jo, my oldest, answered in a way I never have thought of before.

“How does nature speak and glorify God with no words?”

Lucy Jo: “By doing what they were made to do.”

Wow. Yes.

I would have described what trees, clouds, animals, and changing weather do, such as the beautiful colors of Fall, the instinctual nature of animals, and the breaking weight of a rain cloud. Adding the fact that these things are fulfilling their purpose, in a sense, obeying, really does demonstrate a grand declaration of God’s glory.

Her answer made me think about how we as people declare the glory of God.

Chapter 2 of Ephesians says, “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (verse 10).

We, humans, are indeed a fantastic creation with unique abilities and characteristics that show the creativity and brilliance of God, but how much more significant and more beautiful can we show the world the glory of our Lord by doing what we were made to do?