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*- Genesis 1:3-4*

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to Acorns, I hope that you and your families had a lovely holiday and had some special times together.

This term we are going to be starting off with a series on the Days of Creation. Children will learn that it was God who created everything and that he loves His creation. As well as learning how, we can praise God through seeing His creation around us.

Blessings,  
Jess

### Supplies

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- Children's Bible
- Torch
- Craft Supplies depending on craft – see end of document

### Worship

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- Whole Wide World – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHvGLEMjMWE>
- If I were a Butterfly – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JwrkAzaRfYM>

### Bible Verse

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Today's Bible verse is Genesis 1:3-4. Read this slowly with your children having them repeat each word after you. You may even like to clap out the words.

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### Prayer

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For your time of prayer today you are going to be praying for things that match the colours of your children's clothing. For example, if they are wearing a blue shirt, you can thank God for the blue sky and the birds that fly in it. If they are wearing green socks they can thank God for the beautiful soft grass.

### Story Time

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As our new series is all about creation, spend 5 minutes helping your children to create something. This could be done using playdough or building blocks. As they are busy doing this, talk with them about what they are doing and ask them to name their creation.

In their children's Bible open up to the story of Creation. Point out to your children that this is the very first story in the Bible, which is God's word.

A very long time ago there was nothing in God's world. It was dark and empty.  
*Have your children cover their eyes so it is dark.*

But do you know who was there? It was God, and he said "Let there be light!" And there was a bright light shining.

*Have your children turn on the torch and shine it around the room*

God thought 'what should I call the dark and what should I call the light?' (*Children can give you their best thinking face*). He called the dark – night, and the light – day!

God gave us day to play and have fun, and he gave us night for ... (*ask your children what God gave us night for*) ... for sleep and rest.

God was soooooo happy with daytime and night time.

*Children give a really big thumbs up. Or they can do a celebration dance.*

## Craft

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### *Sensory Play*

If you have younger children they could spend some time sorting their toys in two tubs or piles. One can contain their light or day toys and one that contains their dark or night toys. This could be a game to see how fast they can sort.

For slightly older children, they can sort their pencils or crayons into the same categories. Then on a folded piece of paper on one side write light/day and the other dark/night. They may like to fill each side with activities God has blessed us with that we can do in each category. Children may also like to continue their creation which they started at the beginning of story time.

### *Popsicle Sticks Days of Creation*

Each week as we look at the next day of God's creation your children will make a stick to represent what God created that day. This way each week as you make the new day you can easily revise what God had already created.

This craft can be done with paper, crayons and pencils, popsicle sticks (or any stick) and sticky tape.



