

LOADS OF LIGHT DAY ONE

Today's Verse: Genesis 1:1-3

And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness.

Today's Activity: Star Biscuits

You will need: Recipe and ingrediants for biscuits

- Make the biscuits according to the recipe.
- 2 Today we created biscuits with a window to let light in, when the biscuits are cooled see how effective the windows are by holding them up to the light, can you read this card through them?

While we can make light with technology or using nature, in the Bible when we read how God created light, he created it out of nothing. As humans we can only create out of what God has given us, but Our God is <u>the</u> Creator, he created everything from nothing. This week as we think about light remember, that all light has been created by God and that it is good.

Ingredients

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50g butter1 egg50g sugarcrushed boiled sweets150g plain flour

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- Preheat the oven to 190c/Gas mark 5
- 2 Mix the butter, sugar, flour and egg in a large bowl until you have a dough.
- **3** Roll out the dough to 0.5 cm think, cut out the star shapes and put on a lined baking tray. Cut out a small star or circle shape in the middle of the biscuit.
 - Crush up the boiled sweets, used the crushed sweets to fill the hole that has been made in the biscuit.
 - Bake for 8 minutes, the biscuits should be golden and the centre melted. Allow to cool.

LOADS OF LIGHT DAY TWO

Today's Verse: Psalm 119:105 Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light unto my path

Today's Activity: Find the Verse

You will need: Post-its, pen or pencil, torch, a dark room

- On the post-its write today's Bible verse, use one post it for each word.
 - 2 Ask someone put the words all around the room, then make the room dark.
 - Go into the dark room, then using your torch find all the words to the verse and put them in order. See if you can remember the verse without reading it.

Think how much harder it would have been to find the words in the dark without the torch, would you have done it? Today's verse reminds us that the Bible, "God's Word" is there to help us and to stop us falling over trying to find our way in the dark.

LOADS OF LIGHT DAY THREE

Today's Verse: John 8:12

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Today's Activity: Make a Lantern

You will need: Paper, glue, pencils or pens to decorate, torch

- Have a look around your house and outside, how many things can you find that give you light?
- 2 All the things that give you light, will eventually stop giving light, even the Sun will one day, in around 4 billion years time, will stop shining. Jesus told us he was the Light of the World, the light of life, this is a light that will never die, a light that will always be there to help us.

3 Make your lantern, decorate it to remind you that Jesus is the Light of the World. You might like to put your torch in the middle to make it into a night light.

LOADS OF LIGHT DAY FOUR

Today's Verse: Phillipians 2:14-15

Do everything without grumbling or arguing. Then you will be the pure and innocent children of God. You live among people who are crooked and evil, but you must not do anything that they can say is wrong. Try to shine as lights among the people of this world.

Today's Activity: Stars in the Sky

You will need: Colander, torch, paper, pencil or pens

- Make you room dark, take your torch and put it under the colander facing up. As the light from the torch comes through the holes in your colander, it will look like stars on the walls and ceiling of the dark room.
- 2 Read the Bible verse again, what do you think it means to "shine like a star"?
- **3** Today's verse tells us what we SHOULD NOT do if we want to shine like stars (grumbling, arguing, doing things that are wrong). Draw a star on your paper and for each point on the star write or draw what you SHOULD or COULD do to shine.

LOADS OF LIGHT DAY FIVE

Today's Verse: John 1:5

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot put it out.

Today's Activity: Pumpkin Carving

You will need: Pumpkin, spoon, knife, templates and "Hallowe'en Prayer""

- What can you remember from our verses and activities this week?
- 2 On Saturday some people will be celebrating Halloween, on Sunday some people will be celebrating All Saints Day. See what information you can find about them both. What things celebrate darkness? What things celebrate light?
 - While for some people Halloween is fun, for others it is scary and full of darkness. Our verse today reminds us that when things feel dark or scary that the darkness will never win. For people who know God created light and is the Light of Life, we can remember that this is a light that will never go out, it is a light that shines in us and a light we can shine to those around us.
- 4 Take time to carve your pumpkin using one of the templates of create your own to share the light of God tomorrow. Take time to pray the prayer in the bag.

Dear God,

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Thank You for Your gift of light That shines on nights, like tonight. Thank You that while things may scare, We can always know you're there.

Help me God to shine for you, With the things I say and do. Help me show to all my friends, Your light and love will never end.

Amen