

# God's Creation ... and It Was Good!

## A Board Game for Children

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Before playing the game, read "God Makes a World," by Ralph Milton (from *The Family Story Bible*, Northstone Publishing Inc., 1996), a wonderfully told children's version of the creation story. Or read Genesis 1:1-2:3.

### Object of the Game

Each player/team will visit each of the seven days of Creation Week. At each day, which is represented by a numbered star on the game board (see page iii), each player/team will perform an activity. Each player/team will take turns until all seven days are visited and every star is marked with a game marker from every player/team. There are no "winners." The game is an opportunity for the children to share their ideas about what creation might have been like.

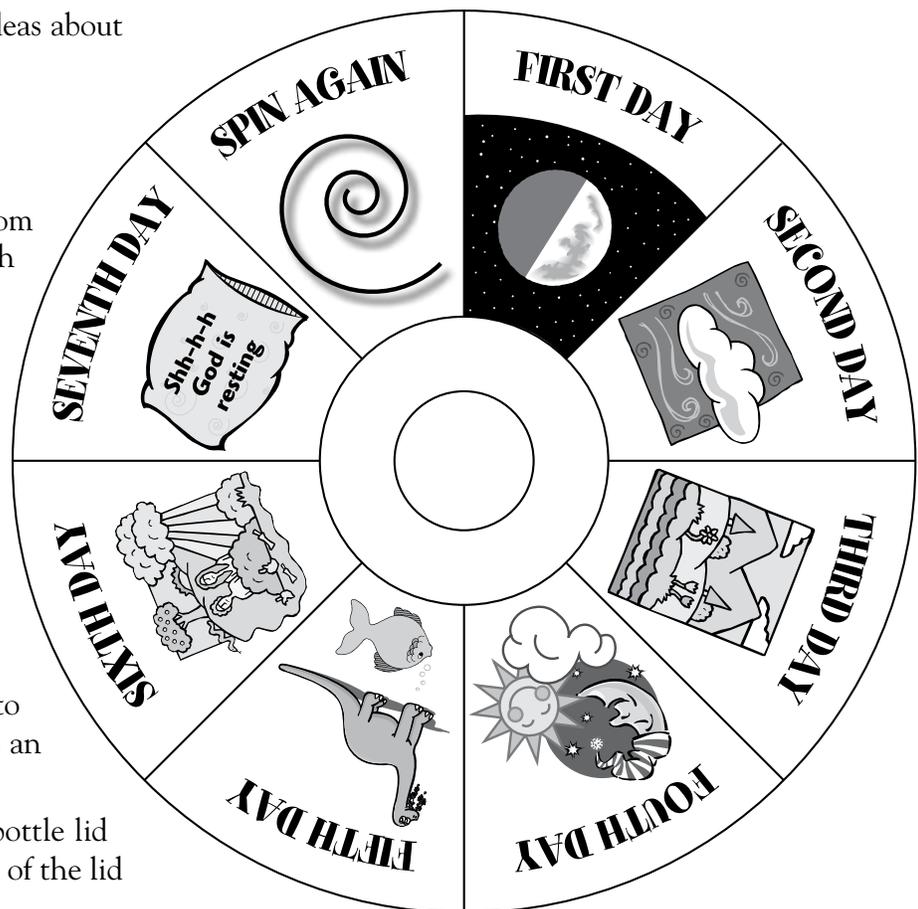
### You Will Need

- 2 to 6 players
- spinner (spinner at right, old CD, lid from water bottle, thin cardboard for arrow, push pin, masking tape)
- game board (page iii)
- activity cards and game markers (page viii)

### Ahead of Time

- ☆ Photocopy or pull out these game pages. Invite the children to colour the "board," the activity cards, and the game markers.
- ☆ To make the spinner:
  - Photocopy, cut out, and ask children to colour the spinner (at right). Glue onto an old CD.
  - On the back of the CD, glue the water bottle lid to the centre of the CD with the flat part of the lid against the CD surface.

- Trace the arrow (page ii), onto thin cardboard and cut out. Colour the arrow bright red.
- Using the push pin, make a hole at the centre point of the bottle lid.
- Make a hole with the pushpin in the cardboard arrow, checking the template for position.
- Push the pin through the arrow into the centre hole of the CD and through the lid. Cover the sharp point of the pin with masking tape.
- Make sure the arrow rotates easily. (Wiggle the pushpin to increase the hole.)

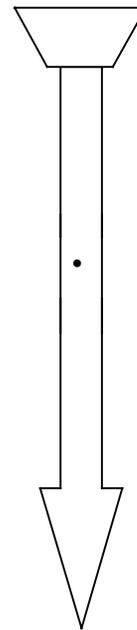


☆ To make the activity cards:

Note: A complete set of game cards can be found on the Seeds & Sowers website: [www.united-church.ca/seeds](http://www.united-church.ca/seeds).

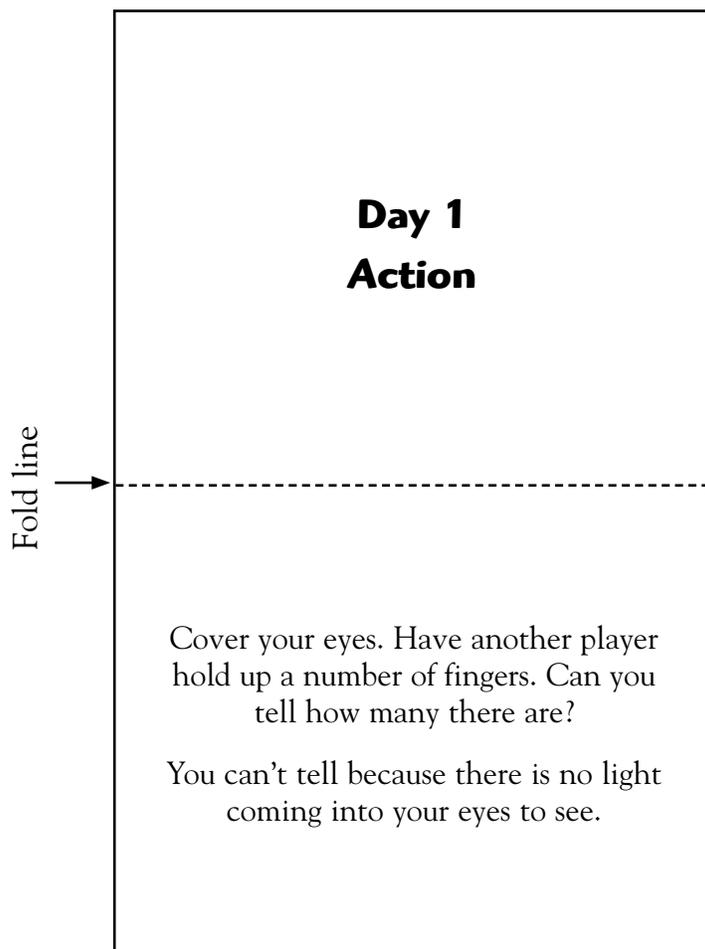
- a) Photocopy the sample game card below. You will need 84 cards as each day has 12 cards. On one side of the dotted fold line of each card, write the Day and whether it's an action, question, or verse. On the other side of the fold, copy the appropriate words from pages iv to vii (or photocopy these pages and cut and paste the words). Do not cut through the dotted fold lines.
- b) Fold each card in half along the fold line. Use a glue stick to glue each card flat with two sides.
- c) Sort the cards into the seven days of creation (12 cards in each pile). Place face down, so that the Day number appears face up.

**Arrow**



length is 3-1/4 inches

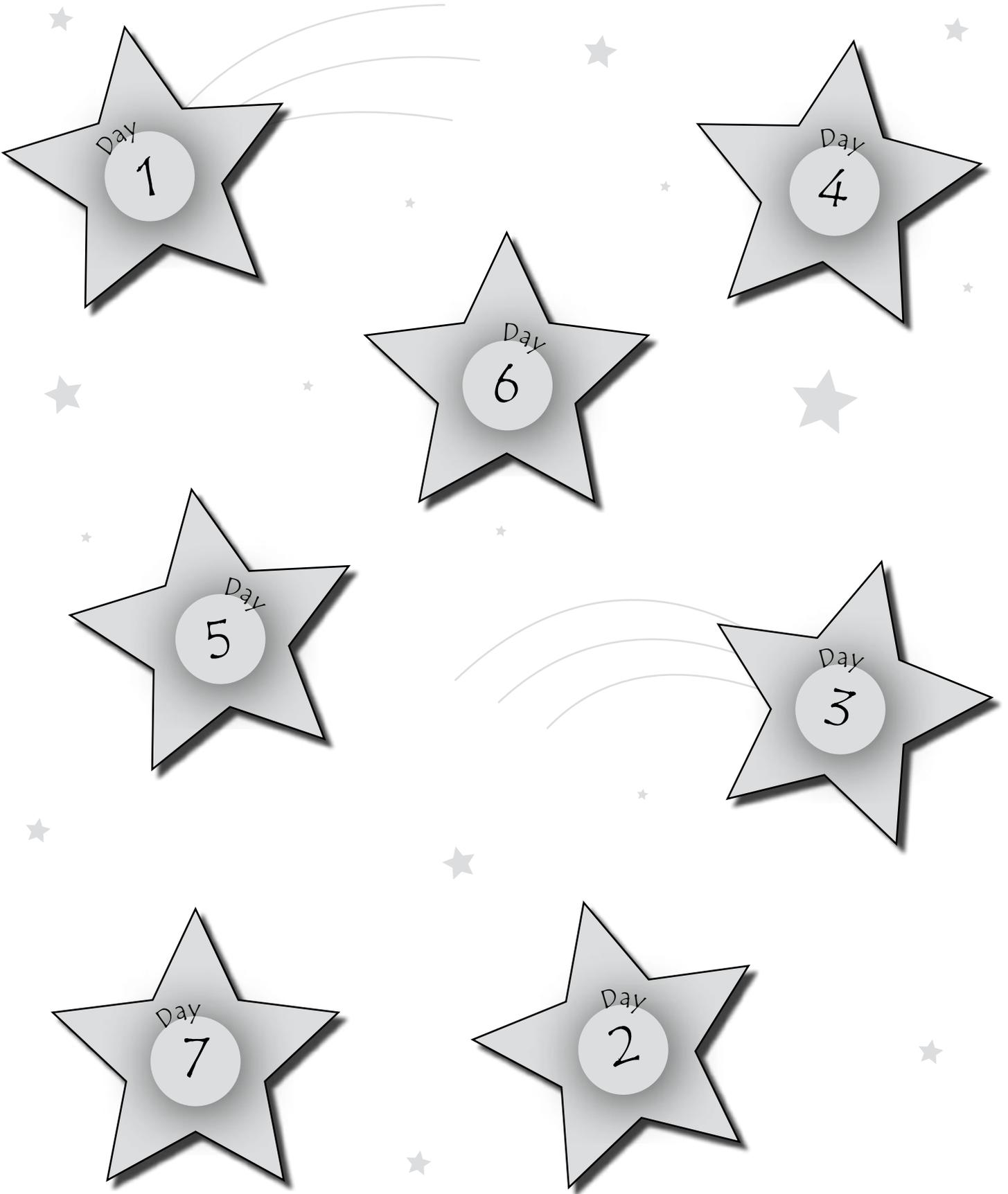
### Sample Game Card



### How to Play

1. Each player/team chooses one design from the game markers on page viii. Each player or team takes a turn and spins the spinner. Creation days will be visited out of sequence, according to the spin made at each turn. Although there are six days of creation, and on the seventh day God rested, the seventh day has been included as part of the game.
2. Each player/team then picks a card from the appropriately numbered pile of cards. Game cards are divided into three types—an action, a question or verse to be read aloud. Once the “task” has been completed, the player/team leaves their game marker on the star visited on the game board.
3. Play now passes to the next player/team. If on a later turn, a spin gives a creation day (star number) already visited, then the player should spin again.
4. Continue to play until all players/teams have visited all creation days (star numbers) as indicated by game markers placed on the board. There are no “winners” as each player/team is given the opportunity to visit all days of creation.

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## Activity Cards

### Day 1

#### Action

Turn lights on and off in your meeting space.

### Day 1

#### Question

What did God call the darkness?

### Day 1

#### Verse

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

### Day 1

#### Action

Cover your eyes and say, "Here is the darkness."

Uncover your eyes and say, "Here is the light."

### Day 1

#### Question

What did God call the light?

### Day 1

#### Verse

You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

2 Peter 1:19

### Day 1

#### Action

Cover your eyes. Have another player hold up a number of fingers. Can you tell how many there are?

You can't tell because there is no light coming into your eyes to see.

### Day 1

#### Question

God separated the light from dark and called them night and day. These are opposites. Can you name two more opposites?

### Day 1

#### Verse

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalms 119:105

### Day 1

#### Action

Choose a partner.

Ask them to close their eyes for 30 seconds.

Then ask them to open them. What happens?

### Day 1

#### Question

Have you ever been afraid of the dark?

What made you feel less afraid?

Do you talk to God when you are afraid?

### Day 1

#### Verse

It is you who light my lamp; the LORD, my God, lights up my darkness.

Psalms 18:28

### Day 2

#### Action

Go to a window and describe the colour of the sky today.

### Day 2

#### Question

God created the sky on the second day.

Are there clouds in the sky today?

### Day 2

#### Verse

"When it is evening, you say, 'It will be fair weather, for the sky is red.' And in the morning, 'It will be stormy today, for the sky is red and threatening.'"

Matthew 16:3

### Day 2

#### Action

Stretch out your arms. Pretend you are flying in the sky like an airplane.

### Day 2

#### Question

Have you ever been in a plane?

What did it feel like, or what do you think it would feel like?

### Day 2

#### Verse

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.

Isaiah 45:8

### Day 2

#### Action

Make a noise like the rushing wind that roared in the sky on the second day of creation.

### Day 2

#### Question

Have you ever looked up at the clouds and imagined pictures or shapes?

Did you ever see shapes that looked like one of God's creatures?

### Day 2

#### Verse

Do you know the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works of the one whose knowledge is perfect?

Job 37:16

**Day 2**  
**Action**

Beat out the sound of the rain falling on God's earth, on your lap.

**Day 2**  
**Question**

What are clouds made of?

**Day 2**  
**Verse**

Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness.  
Isaiah 45:8

**Day 3**  
**Action**

Sway back and forth like the ocean. Do a wave with the group.

**Day 3**  
**Question**

What can you do to conserve water on this planet?

**Day 3**  
**Verse**

And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden.  
Genesis 2:8

**Day 3**  
**Action**

Sing a song about the earth or sing, "[God's] Got the Whole World in [God's] Hands."

**Day 3**  
**Question**

What is your favourite flower?

**Day 3**  
**Verse**

"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it is grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree."  
Matthew 13:31

**Day 3**  
**Action**

Name two red fruits, or two of your favourite fruits.

**Day 3**  
**Question**

God separated the waters from the dry land on the third day of creation. Have you ever been on a boat on the water? Describe what it felt like.

**Day 3**  
**Verse**

The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.  
Psalm 95:5

**Day 3**  
**Action**

God placed all of the plants on the third day. Name two plants in your backyard, home, or on your street.

**Day 3**  
**Question**

Do you recycle at home to help save the earth? What kinds of things can we recycle?

**Day 3**  
**Verse**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing.  
Isaiah 35:1

**Day 4**  
**Action**

Sing a "sun" song, like, "You Are My Sunshine" or a song of your choice.

**Day 4**  
**Question**

Name a constellation in the night sky and describe its shape.

**Day 4**  
**Verse**

"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."  
Revelation 22:16

**Day 4**  
**Action**

Sing the second verse of "The First Nowell":  
They looked up and saw a star shining in the east beyond them far, and to the earth it gave great light, and so it continued both day and night.

**Day 4**  
**Question**

God created the moon and the stars on the fourth day. Do you know who first walked on the moon?

**Day 4**  
**Verse**

...the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever; the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever.  
Psalm 136:8,9

**Day 4**  
**Action**

You've just landed on the moon. Pretend you are wearing heavy moon boots.

**Day 4  
Question**

What sign in the night sky were the [magi] wise ones following to find the baby Jesus?

**Day 4  
Verse**

“Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”  
Matthew 2:2

**Day 4  
Action**

Twirl around, then crouch down quickly like a falling star from the heavens.

**Day 4  
Question**

If you look up at the moon you can see a face. Maybe the face on the moon is God’s face.

What do you call the moon when it appears as a full circle?

**Day 4  
Verse**

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
Psalm 50:1

**Day 5  
Action**

There are many creatures in the seas. Make a face like a fish. Tell us what fish you are.

**Day 5  
Question**

Name the largest of God’s ocean mammals.

**Day 5  
Verse**

But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.  
Jonah 1:17

**Day 5  
Action**

Sing “Baby Beluga” by Raffi, or read the words of the song.

**Day 5  
Question**

Name a red bird or name a blue bird.

**Day 5  
Verse**

He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf.  
Genesis 8:10,11

**Day 5  
Action**

Flap your arms, then pretend to soar on the wind as God lifts you up on eagle’s wings.

**Day 5  
Question**

What kind of bird did Noah send out of the ark to find dry land?

**Day 5  
Verse**

...but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.  
Isaiah 40:31

**Day 5  
Action**

Repeat this tongue twister three times:  
Six sleek swans swam swiftly southwards.

**Day 5  
Question**

God created the sea creatures on the fifth day.  
What giant sea mammal swallowed up Jonah?

**Day 5  
Verse**

And he said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him.  
Matthew 4:19-20

**Day 6  
Action**

Pretend you are walking a dog; first put on the collar and leash.

**Day 6  
Question**

The first man and woman, Adam and Eve, have two sons. Do you know their names?

**Day 6  
Verse**

They went into the ark with Noah, two and two of all flesh in which there was the breath of life.  
Genesis 7:15

**Day 6  
Action**

Pretend you are a farmer hoeing a field and planting seeds to grow.

**Day 6  
Question**

In the creation story, who were the first man and woman created by God?

**Day 6  
Verse**

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:  
“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”  
John 12:14

**Day 6  
Action**

Joseph was a carpenter. Peter was a fisherman.  
Name two people in your community with different jobs.

**Day 6  
Question**

What were the names of Jesus' father and mother?

**Day 6  
Verse**

"Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."  
Matthew 19:24

**Day 6  
Action**

Mary laid the baby Jesus in a manger, which is an animal feeding box.  
Act out an animal of your choice, and have others guess what you are.

**Day 6  
Question**

What kind of animal did the [magi] wise ones from the east ride to visit the baby Jesus?

**Day 6  
Verse**

The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
Isaiah 11:6

**Day 7  
Action**

God rested on the seventh day.  
Make a large yawn, put your hands under your head, and pretend to nap.

**Day 7  
Question**

God must have been very tired at the end of creation.  
What time do you go to bed?

**Day 7  
Verse**

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."  
Matthew 11:28

**Day 7  
Action**

Sing or read the last two lines of the choral Benediction:  
God will be watching from above,  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.

**Day 7  
Question**

God stopped and surveyed the work after every day of creation.  
What breaks do you take in a day at school or work?

**Day 7  
Verse**

Return, O my soul, to your rest, for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.  
Psalm 116:7

**Day 7  
Action**

Say this tongue twister three times:  
Sweet Suzy sleeps silently.

**Day 7  
Question**

God asks us to rest on one day of the week.  
Which day is the day of rest?

**Day 7  
Verse**

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy.  
Exodus 20:8

**Day 7  
Action**

Recite the poem:

I see the moon,  
the moon sees me,  
God bless the moon  
and God bless me.

**Day 7  
Question**

What kinds of things do you do to prepare to go to bed at night?  
Have you ever said "Goodnight" to God?

**Day 7  
Verse**

So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all work that he had done in creation.  
Genesis 2:3

# Game Markers

