

Dear Family,

We are ready to begin the first theme of *Fully Alive*, our family life program. Because the partnership of home, church, and school is so important, this letter is written to let you know what we talk about in class, and to offer some ideas for your involvement.

About Theme One

The first theme of *Fully Alive*, called “Created and Loved by God,” is like the foundation of a house. Everything else depends on it. In this theme we explore the Christian belief that we are all created in God’s image, and that God loves each one of us. We are a very special creation. Because of this, we respect and value ourselves and others. For more information go to: www.acbo.on.ca.

In Theme One we will:

- explore the gifts of creation, and, especially, the gift of people.
- discover that each person is unique and has likes and dislikes.
- learn that we all have feelings and that we all grow and develop.

Working together at school and at home

- We will be sharing examples of the gifts of creation — flowers, plants, leaves, a pet fish, vegetables, or fruit. Help your child find a special gift of creation to bring to school.
- Take this opportunity to talk with your child about how special each person is, and how precious we all are to God. Encourage your child to include thanking God for the gift of people, especially family members and friends, in prayers at bedtime or before meals.
- Help your child learn more about feelings by using the names for them, for example, “happy,” “sad,” “disappointed,” “angry,” and “excited.”
- At school, the children will be talking about growing and learning. You might ask your child what he or she would especially like to learn this school year.

Teacher: _____ Date: _____