

STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

To involve students' families in this unit, teachers can choose from the following:

- Students share work samples with their families.
- Invite parents to see presentations or displays developed by the students.
- Present the students' investigations in a school worship or assembly to which families are invited.
- Students produce their own class newsletter to share with their families, which includes samples of students' reflections, prayers, art, research and/or information about serving work of church or community support agencies or missions.
- Inform parents about the topic through a newsletter. The following examples are related specifically to the model units:

LEVEL 1 NEWSLETTER

'I just need some peace!' Let's face it, we all feel like this at times. In our busy lives, it's often difficult to feel peaceful. Even when we are on our own and all is quiet we can still be in need of peace.

In our Christian Studies unit *Peacemakers*, the students will be identifying situations in life where peace is needed. They will be reflecting on the Bible message that God sent Jesus to bring peace to people's lives and to make peace between God and people. The students will be hearing Bible stories about the ways Jesus' followers shared the peace Jesus brings. The students will identify ways they can bring peace to others and find peaceful solutions to difficult situations.

You can help your child by encouraging him/her to work towards finding peaceful solutions to difficult situations which may occur at home.

LEVEL 2 NEWSLETTER

When you witness an event which is exciting, important or dramatic, you can't wait to tell someone about it.

In our Christian Studies unit *Being a witness*, the students will hear about some exciting, dramatic and important events the followers of Jesus witnessed. As a result of what his followers had seen and heard, they were compelled to be witnesses for Jesus to others. The students will explore the way one of Jesus' followers, Peter, was a witness for Jesus. They will also be investigating ways people today witness for Jesus in what they say and do.

Encourage your child to share with you the eyewitness reports they will be writing and presenting throughout this unit.

LEVEL 3 NEWSLETTER

'Justice for all, not just us' is a simple way to get us thinking about the word 'justice'. All people want justice. Unfortunately, there are many people throughout the world — and sadly in our own country and community — who have experienced or are experiencing many injustices.

In our Christian Studies unit *Working towards justice* the students will be identifying injustice in the world. The students will explore the Bible's message of how Jesus loved and served people who were suffering injustice, and how he was willing to suffer injustice so that all people may have the freedom to live in a loving relationship with God. The students will identify ways of loving and serving people suffering injustice in the classroom and in the world. Most importantly, they will learn about the Christian teaching of how God's love inspires and equips people to work for justice.

Help your child to identify media reports of injustice and to discuss ways they can show love and service.