

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.

- Students produce their own class newsletter to share with their families, which includes samples of students' reflections, psalms, prayers, art, research etc.
- Inform parents about the topic through a newsletter. The following provide examples related specifically to the model units.

LEVEL 1 NEWSLETTER

Did you ever experience a special relationship with a mentor or teacher? In what ways did they influence what you thought and did? What lasting impact have they had on your life?

A word used in the Bible to describe students is 'disciples'. The Bible contains the story of Jesus and his disciples. In Christian Studies the students are about to investigate what it might have been like to be a disciple of Jesus living in Jesus' time. Each student will be keeping a diary in which they will record their responses to events and teachings of Jesus. The students have been encouraged to make the diaries as creative as possible including drawings, memorabilia and written responses. The students' diaries will be on display at the completion of the unit. You could support your child by asking them to share their diary with you.

LEVEL 2 NEWSLETTER

Reconciliation is a word that conjures up different things in people's minds. Christians believe that reconciliation is an important issue for God, and in Christian Studies the students will be exploring the Bible's message about reconciliation.

The Bible could be called the story of the reconciliation between God and people: God sent Jesus to bring about a reconciliation with people through Jesus' death and resurrection. Christians believe that through Jesus all people are offered forgiveness and a new relationship with God.

The Bible records Jesus' teaching about ways in which people can bring about reconciliation in their relationships. The stories about Jesus also teach that reconciliation between people of different cultures was important to Jesus.

Should you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

LEVEL 3 NEWSLETTER

A Christian lifestyle! What's that?

In Christian Studies the students are about to explore what determines Christians' values and lifestyle. They will look at the Ten Commandments and Jesus' interpretation of the commandments. They will consider Jesus' new commandment of love and the certainty Christians have that God's grace and forgiveness covers their failures and make it possible for them to live out the command to 'love your neighbour as yourself'. Finally, students will look at the way Christians living as God wants them to live can have a positive influence in the world.

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