

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.
- In consultation with the local pastor, arrange an information evening at which parents have the opportunity to hear and ask about what students are doing in Christian Studies.
- 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

The students will be making an adventure movie in the next few weeks. They will research and write a script on the life of Paul, one of Jesus' followers. Paul had an interesting and challenging life. His life was totally changed when he became a believer in Jesus, he travelled in dangerous places, was shipwrecked and imprisoned.

You can read more about the life of Paul — and the way the Holy Spirit enabled him to share the good news of Jesus in spite of all these challenges — in the book of Acts, beginning at chapter eight.

If you have experience in the use of video cameras, special effects, costuming or props, please let me know. We will need assistance in the making of the film and would appreciate an experienced hand.

The students will also be responsible for promoting and launching their film, so keep reading the school newsletter for screening dates and times.

LEVEL 2 NEWSLETTER

It seems people are growing in interest in the spirit world and the supernatural. The Bible describes a spirit that has existed since the beginning of time and who is active in the world today. This spirit is the Holy Spirit, God's own Spirit.

In our Christian Studies lessons we will be conducting an investigation of what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit and his work. Students will consider how the Spirit was at work inspiring prophets to speak God's message for the world. The students will also explore how the Spirit works in people today, revealing the good news about Jesus and bringing them into a new relationship with God. The students will use the information to develop a magazine special feature entitled: *The Spirit Tells All*. Please ask your child to share their work with you. Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

LEVEL 3 NEWSLETTER

What is faith? How does faith affect the way you live? The students are about to find out. They will conduct a survey to gather information about what other people think faith is. Then they will use a number of resources to explore questions that they have about faith.

Everybody has faith, whether it be faith in a doctor or faith in a football team to win the grand final. The students will use these different types of faith to gain a better understanding of what faith and having a Christian faith means.

If you have any magazine or newspaper articles, photos or items that reveal something about faith, please send them to school. The students will be using their investigation to prepare a presentation to raise other people's awareness of faith. Please ask your child regularly about the progress of the investigation.