

# 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**

Sometimes it seems that all we hear about is bad news. Bad news about the economy. Bad news about rising unemployment. Bad news about the environment and bad news about the future.

In Christian Studies we are about to explore Mark's book in the Bible. Mark begins his book with: 'This is the good news about Christ, the Son of God'. He says he has good news for all people. We will read the book of Mark to investigate this good news. The students will be keeping a reading log in which they record their responses to each chapter. They will finally review the book and present the 'good news' in their own newspaper front page.

As we explore Mark's book, you may like to read along too. Your child can keep you informed about what we are reading.

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

## **LEVEL 2 NEWSLETTER**

The world sometimes seems divided into those that are considered to be successful and those who are failures. What does it mean to be a success or a failure? What are the signs of success? Who decides if someone is a success?

These questions will form the basis of our investigation into the life of Jesus Christ. In Christian Studies we will explore different events in the life of Jesus and consider how different people viewed them. We will consider how they can be interpreted, depending on your viewpoint. The students will use the investigation to reflect on what they think about Jesus' life and teaching. Is Jesus a success or failure? What has he achieved for all people? How do Christians believe they share in his success?

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## **LEVEL 3 NEWSLETTER**

Who is Jesus Christ? This is a question that has been asked for the last 2000 years. Was he a great teacher? Was he a madman? Was he God's Son?

In Christian Studies we are about to explore questions like this. We will consider what witnesses said about Jesus and study his teachings. The students will also examine what Jesus said about himself. The students will have the opportunity to consider what Christians today say about Jesus, who he is and what he means to them.

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