

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.

You may need to reassure parents that it is natural for adolescent students to question and challenge authority as they clarify their own beliefs and attitudes.

LEVEL 1 NEWSLETTER

Are you a spiritual person? The students have a quiz that may help you respond to this question. Christians believe that all people are spiritual beings, as God created people that way. He created people to be in relationship with him. Christians believe that without God, people feel a sense of being incomplete.

In Christian Studies we will explore how people search for something more and where they search to find it. We will investigate two world religions and consider the way in which the followers of the religion express their spirituality. The students will explore what a Christian relationship with God is like and what God provides for all people. Christians believe that God can give people a sense of completeness and end their search. In the Bible Jesus says, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me' (John 14:6).

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

LEVEL 2 NEWSLETTER

Do you remember what it was like to be thirteen years old? What changes and pressures were you facing? How did you feel about yourself? Your experience could be of great use to the students who are about to explore the changes of adolescence and how they can impact on self-esteem.

The students will be considering the physical, emotional, intellectual and spiritual changes of adolescence. If you have any books at home that may be useful in providing information, please send them to school. The students will also consider the pressures society, the media and their peers place upon them to look, act and be a certain way. Finally, we will explore what the Bible says about God's view of people and the advice the Bible gives to young people. Each student will use the information to develop 'A Guide to Adolescence'. I'm sure your child will be most happy to share their guide when it is finished. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

LEVEL 3 NEWSLETTER

Life wasn't meant to be easy. (Malcolm Fraser)

Life is either a daring adventure or nothing. (Helen Keller)

For centuries people have wondered about human life. In Christian Studies the students are about to explore what Christians believe about human life. They will consider the Bible's account of God's creation of the first people and how God continues creation through the gift of reproduction. Students will study a number of Bible passages about the value of human life and how God offers fulfilment to human life. The students will then consider the implications of these beliefs for contemporary issues, eg substance abuse, euthanasia.

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