

# 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, including 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

Great rescue stories capture our imagination and truly intrigue us. The media love nothing better than a great rescue to report, investigate, analyse and dissect.

The Bible has been called 'The Big Rescue'. The Bible book of Judges contains many great rescue stories: stories in which God demonstrates his love for people by rescuing them from dangers. In Christian Studies we will be investigating some of these rescue stories, particularly the people (called judges) whom God sent to rescue his people, the Israelites. The students will be reading and recording facts about these people and presenting the information in a character profile that will be on display in the classroom.

The students will also investigate the way in which God has rescued all people through Jesus' death and resurrection. They will consider what this means for people and what they have to do to be rescued by God.

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

## LEVEL 2 NEWSLETTER

Death is a topic that affects all people and yet is seldom talked about. Quite often it is the 'unknown' aspects of death that create fear and misconceptions about what happens when people die. In Christian Studies we are about to investigate what happens when people die and what Christians believe about death. Students will present what they have learnt in the form of an information session or pamphlet for parents. We will advise of times when the students will have the information session or pamphlets ready to present to you.

Students will investigate what people believe about death, how people feel when faced with the death of a loved one, and what God has done to overcome death and offer all people eternal life.

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## LEVEL 3 NEWSLETTER

We live in a mysterious world where good and evil seem to be constantly in conflict. In our Christian Studies lessons we will be exploring the battle between good and evil. We will be examining the archenemies and what their intentions are. We will be considering the temptation we all face to do wrong or bad things. We will also consider how, through Jesus, God has won for us the battle against evil.

This is a very important topic in a world where it is very easy to see evil and to be fearful of it. This unit assists the students to know that God has overcome sin, death and the devil. People have nothing to fear because Jesus has defeated these.

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