

# 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 know that all Christians are special agents? In our Christian Studies lessons we are about to explore how all Christians have been commissioned by Jesus to share the good news about his love. Students will be considering the strategies special agents use to share Jesus' love by words and actions. Each student will keep a file in which they will record what it means to be a special agent of Jesus and carry out his mission in the world. Students will investigate the lives of the first special agents, Jesus' disciples, and people who have worked as special agents through history. Please ask your child to share what the class is doing.

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

## **LEVEL 2 NEWSLETTER**

All you need is love! How many times have we heard this message in songs? How many times have you seen the word 'love' used to sell magazines — *Six Easy Steps to True Love*? It seems as though everyone wants love, but what is love and what does love really mean? In our Christian Studies unit the students will be exploring the world's view of love and comparing it with the Christian view of love.

Christians believe that God sent his own Son, Jesus, to bring God's love into the world and to teach people what love is all about. Jesus presents a radical view of love that contrasts with the world's view of love. It challenges people to love the unlovable and to love freely, not expecting rewards. Jesus taught that love means serving. The students will be investigating people who have committed their lives to this type of love. Each student will prepare two collages to be displayed in the classroom which will present what they have learnt about love.

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## **LEVEL 3 NEWSLETTER**

Shalom! This is the Hebrew word for peace, and the students are about to explore its meaning. It seems we only have to watch the news or glance at the newspaper to be reminded that we live in a world that needs peace. Sometimes it can seem so desperate.

The Bible has very clear messages about peace. It tells us the good news that Jesus has brought all people peace. The class will be exploring how the world views peace and comparing it with how God views peace. They will learn how to be at peace with themselves and others. Finally, they will put their learning into action by working for peace in a practical action plan.

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