

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

What is worth most to you? How do you show that this thing or person is worth a great deal to you? Christian worship can be called 'worth-ship'. In worship, Christians believe God reveals his great worth to them, especially his love shown through Jesus Christ.

In Christian Studies the students are about to explore Christian worship as God revealing his worth to people and people responding. They will consider the Bible's message about God's worth as creator, rescuer and helper. They will also explore the creative ways in which people have responded to this message. Should you have any books with religious artwork or music, please send them to school.

LEVEL 2 NEWSLETTER

What events do you celebrate? What are important aspects of a celebration in your family? What was the greatest celebration you have experienced?

Did you know that Christian worship is actually a celebration of God and what he has done? In worship Christians celebrate the good news of Jesus and respond with music, drama and sometimes even dances. In Christian Studies the students are about to explore Christian worship as a celebration of God and what he has done and still does for people. They will investigate stories of celebration in the Bible, life events that Christians celebrate in worship, and what God celebrates. Students will have the opportunity to use the information in planning their own class worship celebration (possibly end of primary school). Should you have any information about celebrations or videos of worship celebrations, please send them to school.

LEVEL 3 NEWSLETTER

Walking into a church building can be quite a daunting experience. The buildings themselves can be very different and the layout and surrounds contain many things you don't see anywhere else. The worship service itself is may be equally strange. It might seem sometimes the worshippers are almost speaking a different language. Christian worship has so many traditions.

In Christian Studies students are about to develop their own questions about Christian worship and go on to explore the origin of many worship traditions. To do this, they will investigate worship at different times in history, in the Old Testament, the early Christian church and today. They will explore where, how and why people worshipped and compare the features of worship at the different times. Should you have any information about Christian worship that would be useful, please send it to school.