

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.

MODEL FOR A LEVEL 1 NEWSLETTER

We are intrigued, amazed and sometimes inspired by stories of rescues, stories of people who risk their lives to save someone who is in danger.

The theme of God rescuing humanity from the ultimate danger of evil and death is the central theme of Christianity. In the current Christian Studies unit students will be investigating a number of narratives that deal with the theme of evil and salvation. They will look at Dr Seuss' tale of *The Lorax*, the world as they know it and the Bible account in *Genesis* and the gospels. They will also examine the Apostles' Creed as a clear statement of Christian belief about God's rescue of people and the world from evil.

Should you have any concerns or questions, please contact me.

MODEL FOR A LEVEL 2 NEWSLETTER

The quest for peace and happiness is a common thread that links all of humanity across time, gender and race. We are inspired by people of vision such as Martin Luther King jr. We stand in awe of those people who risk or give their lives for peace and justice. Books and magazines reveal that the personal quest for peace and wellbeing is a high priority. Parents and schools aim to give students opportunities to reach maturity safely, equipped with whatever they need to fulfil their life's ambitions and achieve personal fulfilment and contentment. However, news broadcasts dispel the romantic view of a world of perfect peace and happiness.

In the Christian Studies unit *The Dream Made Reality* students will explore the Bible's view of how peace and happiness can be achieved. Students will examine: God's original intention (dream) for people to live in peace and harmony with him; how God's dream was shattered when people rebelled against him; the impact this has had on people's lives; what people do to find peace and happiness for themselves; the Christian belief that Jesus has restored God's dream as the ultimate reality.

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