

GOD'S FAMILY

ABOUT THE UNIT

This unit builds on the idea of membership of God's Family through Baptism into a community which has a gathering place and a gathering day.

WHERE THE UNIT FITS IN

Follows NE and ND and extends the idea of a Christian community.

PRIOR LEARNING

That Baptism makes them members of God's family/ and that families gather together.

SKILLS

Cutting, sticking, drawing, speaking, listening, singing, praying.

VOCABULARY

Baptism, Priest, Church, Christian Family.

ASSESSMENT

At the end of this unit:

Most children will be able to give thanks for someone who cares for them. They will know that Sunday is an important day.

Less able children will name some people that care for them.

More able children will know the name of the priest and be able to recall some things they have seen in church.

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PROGRAMME OF STUDY

TEACHING STRATEGIES

R3 Recognise relationships of love, e.g. parent – child, and love received and given; e.g. sharing

- Explore magazines to find examples of people showing love and care to others. Cut out and create individual collage.
- Children to think about who shows love and care for them. Draw a picture of these special people.
- Hold a “show and tell” session where the children talk about the special people they have drawn or painted.
- Hold a simple “thank you” liturgy. Gather in a circle, use pictures created and each child is given an opportunity – if confident enough – to say “Thank you God for my, who loves and cares for me.”
- Sing a simple thank you God song.

C1 Joining God’s Family through Baptism.

- Revisit previous work on Baptism when we became part of God’s family in a special way.

C2 Sunday is a special day to pray and talk to God.

- Explain to the children that the church building is an important gathering place for the people who are baptised. Tell the children that Sunday is the very special gathering day in church.
- Tell the children a story about going to church on Sunday. Use pictures and props to explain in simple terms what happens.
- Some children’s experience of church as a place of gathering will be limited. Big books/photographs will be helpful here.
- Focus on special gathering times in the nursery and the elements of gathering (e.g. being together, singing, praying).
- Explore with the children that some of these things we do together in nursery happen in church when people gather together.

Ch3 Ways in which a Christian family and parish share and celebrate life, and show care for one another.

- Consider who gathers us together at home and at school, and looks after us.
- Explain to the children that the priest has a special job to gather us together at church as God’s Family. Think about some of the things that the priest does.

- Make a card from the nursery to the parish to tell the people that they have been remembered by the nursery children in prayer.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

R3 Form and enjoy good relationships with peers and with adults in the school community.

- Be able to recall and talk about some of the special people in their lives who love and care for them especially family and friends

C1 To appreciate friendship with Jesus through Baptism.

- Hear that Baptism is a special celebration for people when they become part of God's Family.

C2 To know that Sunday is a special day.

- Hear that Sunday is a special day when God's Family gathers together in Church.

Ch3 Recognise that the Church is a special place where God's people gather to pray.

- Be able to explore some of the things that happen when God's family comes together in Church.

- Know that the priest is a special person who looks after God's Family at Church.

FURTHER DEVELOPMENT

Create a class display about the people who care for us.

Arrange a visit to a church. Children to notice some of the things they have heard about in the story of God's Family gathering together on Sunday.

The visit to the church is an opportunity to link with the Parish. Also invite parents to come on the visit.

Know that cards are a way of sending messages in written form.

RELATED SCRIPTURE

OTHER LINKS

- Opportunity for school – parish links.

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

- Giving thanks.
- Praying for others.

EVALUATION

What went well?

Which areas of planning need to be developed/adapted next time?

What needs to be revisited/developed in a later unit?