

Reception Class – Family (Domestic Church)

Big Question: What does it mean to be part of a family?

Prior learning: children will have experience of being part of a family.

At the end of this topic, pupils will know:

Line of enquiry/Learning outcome	Standard Indicators
<p>1. What does the word family mean? To understand the importance of names.</p>	Talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.
<p>2. Why am I precious? God knows and loves all of us.</p>	Listen, talk about and role play similarities and differences between themselves and others, and among families, church communities and church traditions.
<p>3. How do I know God loves me? God knows everyone's names.</p>	Develop their own narratives and explanations of religious stories by connecting ideas or events to the scripture source used.
<p>4. Why are names important? Pupils will acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above.</p>	Express themselves effectively, showing awareness of listeners' needs.

Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Christian	Belief in Jesus and his teachings.
God	Our loving Father who made everything.
Love	A strong, warm feeling.
Loving parent	Our mothers and fathers.
Prayer	Talking to God.



Sources used during this topic:

Source	Example
Christian Beliefs	God knows and loves each person. Prayer during the day.
Scripture	Isaiah 43: 1-2 Psalm 131

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Reception Class – Belonging (Baptism)

Big Question: What does it mean to be welcomed?

Prior learning: children will have experience of belonging to a family and to a nursery/class group.

At the end of this topic, pupils will know:

Line of enquiry/Learning outcome	Standard Indicators
<p>1. How do we show people that they are welcomed? To know and understand 'What it is to welcome and be welcomed'.</p>	Talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.
<p>2. How is a baby welcomed into a family? To know how a baby is welcomed into a family.</p>	Listen, talk about and role play similarities and differences in relation to places they have read or heard about family, church communities and religious stories.
<p>3. How are we welcomed into God's family? To understand that baptism represents a welcome into God's family.</p>	Represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings about religious stories through role play.
<p>4. How are we made to feel welcome and how can we welcome others? Pupils will acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above.</p>	Confidently speak in a familiar group and talk about their ideas.

Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
welcome	To greet in a friendly, warm way.
baptism	A welcome into God's family.
baptiste	The person who performs the baptism.
water	Used in baptism to represent new life.
candle	To represent the light of Christ.



Sources used during this topic:

Source	Example
Christian Beliefs	Baptism, a welcome into God's family. 'I baptise you in the name of' - Rite of Baptism.
Scripture	Colossians 3:12

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Reception Class – Loving (Advent)

Big Question: Why do we celebrate birthdays?

Prior learning: children will have the experience of celebrating birthdays at home.

At the end of this topic, pupils will know:

Line of enquiry/Learning outcome	Standard Indicators
<p>1. What is a birthday and how is it celebrated?</p> <p>We all have a birthday and celebrate in both similar and different ways around the world.</p>	<p>Talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.</p>
<p>2. How do we prepare for Christmas?</p> <p>Advent is a time of waiting and requires patience, as we prepare for Jesus' birthday.</p>	<p>Listen, talk about and role play similarities and differences in relation to places they have read or heard about family, church communities and religious stories.</p>
<p>3. How do we celebrate the birth of Jesus every year?</p> <p>To understand the story of the first Christmas (the nativity) and how we celebrate in the modern day.</p>	<p>Represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings about religious stories through role play.</p>
<p>4. How and why do we look forward to and celebrate birthdays?</p>	<p>Confidently speak in a familiar group and talk about their ideas.</p>

Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
birthday	The day in history we were born on.
Christmas	Jesus' birthday.
wreath	A ring of leaves.
advent	A time of waiting and preparing for Christmas.



Sources used during this topic:

Source	Example
Christian Beliefs	From the beginning he was 'the one whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world', conceived as 'holy' in Mary's virginal womb. God called Joseph to 'take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit', so that Jesus 'who is called Christ should be born of Joseph's spouse into the messianic lineage of David.'
Scripture	Isaiah 9:6



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Reception Class – Celebrating (Local Church)

Big Question: What and why do people celebrate?

Prior learning: children have studied 'Festivals and Celebrations' topic, focusing on a variety of domestic and international celebrations.

At the end of this topic, pupils will know:

Line of enquiry/Learning outcome	Standard Indicators
<p>1. What is a celebration? We celebrate many different events, and celebrations are composed of various different elements, both familiar and unfamiliar..</p>	Talk about past and present events in their own lives and in the lives of family members.
<p>2. Who is in the Parish family? We, and our families, are part of the Parish family, along with the priest, altar boys, and congregation.</p>	Listen, talk about and role play similarities and differences in relation to places they have read or heard about family, church communities and religious stories.
<p>3. How does the Parish family celebrate? We congregate to listen to scripture and celebrate Jesus as the light of our lives.</p>	Represent their own ideas, thoughts and feelings about religious stories through role play.
<p>4. What and why do people celebrate?</p>	Confidently speak in a familiar group and talk about their ideas.

Key Vocabulary

Word	Definition
Priest	A minister of the church who leads us in worship and celebration.
Church	Where the Parish family gathers to worship.
Parish	The area cared for by one Priest.

Sources used during this topic:

Source	Example
Christian Beliefs	Jesus is the light of world symbolizes God's presence and holiness By calling Himself the Light, Jesus is claiming to be the very presence of God on earth.
Scripture	<p>Luke 2:21-38</p> <p><i>Mary and Joseph took baby Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem. They wanted to present him to God and thank God for giving them their lovely boy. Whilst they were there they met two people, Simeon and Anna. They went to the Temple every day to pray. Simeon took Jesus in his arms and gave thanks to God. He said a prayer over Jesus and blessed Mary and Joseph. He said Jesus was like a light to help people. Anna was delighted to see Jesus and gave thanks to God for him. Afterwards Mary and Joseph took Jesus home to Nazareth.</i></p>



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