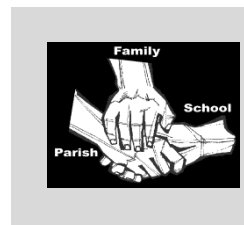


# Family – Parish – School Links



## Religious Education

### Topic Theme: Beginnings

Children will explore how we 'begin': in our families, in our Church and at school.

#### Learning opportunities include:

- Coming to know that God loves each one always and at all times.
- Coming to know Jesus is God the Father's Son.
- Experiencing and becoming familiar with the sign of the cross.
- Knowing that they are special within their family and the community.
- Experiencing that a Church is a special place where God's people gather to pray.
- Coming to know that Sunday is a special day for the Church family who come together to celebrate.
- Experiencing and recognising prayer is talking and listening to God.
- Considering ways in which a Christian family and parish share and celebrate life, and show care for one another.

#### Monitoring opportunities:

Children's development will be monitored through observation and the collection of work samples for their portfolio.

## Affective and Spiritual Dispositions

It is hoped that pupils will develop:

- Value being special within their families and communities
- Appreciate that families come together to celebrate
- Respect for each other and for adults.
- Good relationships with peers and with adults in the school community.
- Appreciation of their friendship with Jesus brought about through Baptism.

## Activities to try at home

Parents are the first educators of their child in faith. Children's learning in religious education occurs best when school and family are engaged in talking about the same topics. You could help your child by trying one or more of these activities while this topic is being taught:

- Look over photo albums and recall stories of your family.
- Look at their Baptismal Certificate or photos of their Baptism. Explain who their Godparents are.
- Celebrate the friends you have who are from different cultures. Speak positively about difference.

## An idea for prayer at home



When you next collect your child from school take some time to walk around the Church and to prayerfully look at the religious items it contains. Allow your child to light a candle and together pray for a special intention.