

Topic: Families

Phase: KS1

Strand: Listening and asking questions

What should I already know?

- I can identify important people in my life and be able to share why they are special to me.
- I can share my experiences with others, and can show respect for their experiences too.
- I understand that the Christian church is made up of one big ‘family’.

At the end of the unit I will be able to:

- Talk about how and why Christians treat each other like family.
- Listen attentively to a faith believer and ask questions when I don’t understand.
- Link the actions of a faith believer to their beliefs, and say why they may have behaved in that way. explain how the church works together like a family.
- Talk about the work that the church family does in my local area.
- Reflect on how my own family works to care for each other.
- Compare the way my family works to the way in which the church family works.

Important things to know...

Christians believe that children should be brought up in a loving and supportive family, founded on marriage and that the Church should be a model of family life. Christianity also teaches that children should treat their parents with honour and respect, and that they should consider their parents' wishes and be obedient. Many Christians believe that children are a gift from God, and that parents have responsibilities towards them that include:

- caring for them properly
- teaching them how to live and to accept authority
- teaching them about God
- taking them to be baptised and promising to bring them up in a loving home

The Church is often called ‘the family of God’. Like any other family, people have similarities and differences, but they care for, love and support each other out of respect for God and for the sake of the wider Christian community. They believe that if everyone cares and loves for each other, this shows God’s love on earth through His family.



Vocabulary

Family	the group of people you were born into.
Respect	when you accept somebody for who they are, even when they’re different from you or you don’t agree with them.
Community	a group of people living in a particular area.
Support	to give encouragement to someone or something because you want them to succeed