

1. The Christian Family



Know that we all belong to a family.
Think about how we can help our family.

The Holy Family

When Jesus was a little boy he lived with his parents, Mary and Joseph, in their house in Nazareth. Jesus loved his family very much and Mary and Joseph took very good care of him.



Jesus, Mary and Joseph did lots of things together. They played together, they ate their meals together, they prayed together and they helped each other with all the jobs that had to be done. They shared many happy times as a family, and some sad times too.

Activity

Listen to the account of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. (Teacher's Book page 21).

- What do you think this event tells us about Jesus?
- How do you think Jesus behaved when he returned to Nazareth with Mary and Joseph?

Our Family

We all belong to a family. Some of us belong to a big one and others to a small one. Your family is a gift to you from God. God gave you a family so that you would have people to take care of you and to love you. You do special things together just like Jesus did and you can probably think of lots of happy times you have shared.

Being part of a family is not always easy. There are times when we find it difficult: for example, when we argue with brothers or sisters, leave all the work to one person, or we are tired of having to share all the time. No family is perfect.

Activities

- Draw a picture or put a photo of your family in the centre of a page. Write what you and your family enjoy doing together.
- Choose one very special time that you and your family have enjoyed together. Create a 'Thank You' card and say why this time was so special.