To involve students' families in this unit, teachers can choose from the following:

- Students share work samples with their families.
- Invite parents to see presentations or displays developed by the students.
- Present the students' investigations in a school worship or assembly.

- Students produce their own class newsletter to share with their families, which includes samples of students' reflections, psalms, prayers, art, research, etc.
- Inform parents about the topic through a newsletter. The following provide examples related specifically to the model units.

**LEVEL 1 NEWSLETTER**

There are many ways to tell a story. It can be told using film, visual arts, oral recount, written narrative, picture book, poem or song, just to name a few.

In our current Christian Studies unit *The story of Jesus* the students will examine the story of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus through the words of a song. They will also use other resources such as the Bible, Bible story books, Christian songs/hymns and videos to find further information about the life of Jesus. The students will use these resources to examine the implications Christians believe Jesus' death and resurrection have for all people.

The students will be retelling the story of Jesus, using their own method of presentation. You are welcome to hear/view/experience the various stories of Jesus retold by the students, when they have completed their research and preparation for their presentations.

**LEVEL 2 NEWSLETTER**

We all have many ‘teachers’ in our lives — our family, our friends, our children, events which take place, as well as the teachers we had at school. We soon discover that words accompanied by actions can be an extremely powerful way of teaching.

In our current Christian Studies unit *Jesus the Teacher* the students will be identifying and investigating the places where Jesus taught, the people he taught, and the important things he taught — about God and himself and about how to love people. They will investigate the way Jesus lived out his teachings about God’s love for all people and about being the Saviour of the world. The students will be exploring Bible stories where Jesus showed love to all kinds of people and sacrificed his own life in order to rescue people from sin and its consequences. Christians believe that actions such as these make Jesus far more than just a good teacher!

You can support your child by sharing memories of favourite teachers and the important things you have learnt from them. Encourage your child to share with you some of the important teachings of Jesus they have explored.

**LEVEL 3 NEWSLETTER**

Who is Jesus? Is he a good man, a remarkable teacher, an illegitimate Jewish carpenter with delusions of grandeur, the Son of God, the Messiah, a swearword? Or maybe people are not too sure who he is!

In the current Christian studies unit *Who is Jesus?* the students will be investigating the life, teachings and actions of Jesus and their purpose. The students will be researching an aspect of Jesus’ life, using a variety of resources. They will be reviewing the research of their peers and identifying what the various aspects of Jesus’ life reveal about him. They will be searching the Bible for evidence regarding the Christian claim that Jesus is God’s Son and truly human.

The students will also be exploring various beliefs people have about Jesus and expressing their own beliefs about him.

You can support your child by inviting him/her to share their research with you.