



Dear Parents,

RE: NEXT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UNIT TO BE STUDIED IN YEAR THREE

Human beings are created with feelings. People who know about God realise that God created people with feelings.

Over the following weeks in Religious Education, the children will be studying feelings and the different ways of praying to God, who created feelings.

The Religious Education unit begins with the human experience of wonderful at feelings. As people become more aware of their feelings, they wonder at God who created these feelings. People realise that God, who loves each human person, sees everything, including feelings, as good.

The unit then explores ways Jesus showed, by using his feelings in loving ways, that God loves everyone in a special way. Jesus taught people to pray so they could talk to God and ask God for anything that will be good for them.

Jesus taught about how to pray to God. This is why there are special Christian prayers to God, for example, the Glory Be to the Father, the Hail Mary and The Lord's Prayer (Our Father).

We will be exploring ways in which followers of Jesus realise, as they pray, that like him, they are called to love and pray for all people.

You could help your child during this unit by, for example:

- sharing with your child the feelings you experience (including experiences of childhood feelings)
- discussing with your child why God might have created people with feelings
- sharing with them stories in which Jesus experienced feelings, for example:
 - * happiness [Luke 10:21]
 - * fear [Luke 22:44]
 - * sadness [John 11:35]
- sharing with them stories in which Jesus showed love as a result of experiencing feelings, for example, he felt:
 - * sad because he loved the woman whose son had died [Luke 7:11-15]
 - * sorry because he loves those who were sick [Luke 17:11-19]
- including some of the ways in which Christians pray, during family prayer times, such as those listed above, as well as prayers before and after meals.

Yours sincerely,

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