

Tell stories of belonging

Around the meal table, or perhaps during a car journey, tell stories about how faith has been passed on through your family tree.

As a talking point at home, display photos of your child's ancestors; e.g. grandparents and great aunts/uncles.

As well as blood family, include pictures of people from the wider faith family, past and present.

Include an image of a saint, perhaps one after whom your child is named.

Remember and talk about these special people.

3. We belong to a family

We have a first name. And we also have a last name. A surname, or a family name.

My surname/family name is What's yours? [Invite responses]
You can write your family name in your workbook.

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My Family Surname

Why are family names important? What does our family name tell us?

It tells us that we belong to a particular family. The O'Brien family. The Leung family. The Pawlikowski family. The Ginzberg family.

In a family we all belong. Even sometimes when we fight with our brothers and sisters, we still belong.

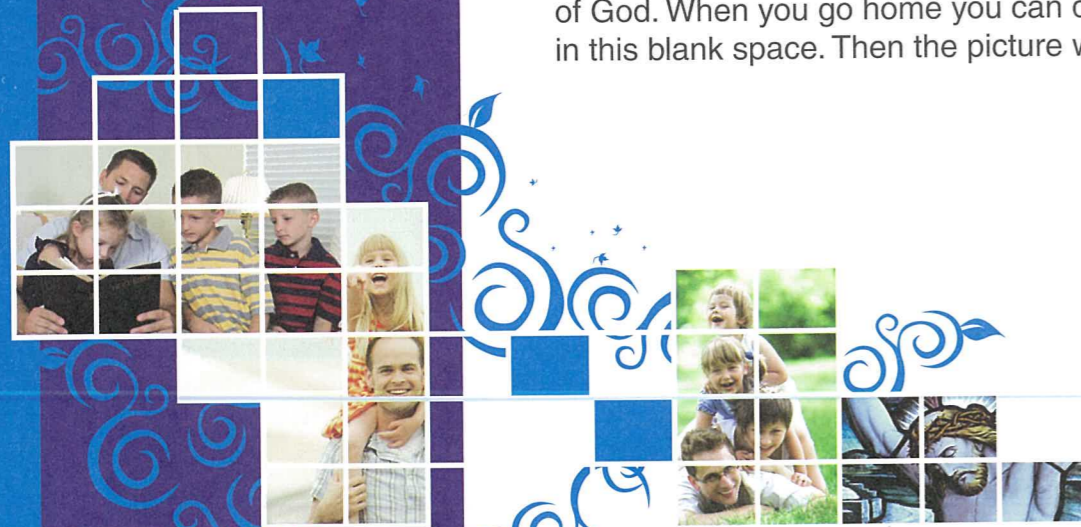
Now I want to speak about another family: God's family.

Soon you will be baptised. And baptism makes us part of the family of God.

- In God's family we are all brothers and sisters.
- In God's family we are followers of Jesus. He is our special friend. We try to be like him.
- Jesus shows us how to live in the family of God.
- And the Holy Spirit helps us too.

Let's look at Worksheet #2. On the tree we see pictures of the family of God: praying together, eating together, learning together, helping each other.

There is a space for you and your family to be part of this family of God. When you go home you can draw you and your family in this blank space. Then the picture will be complete!



The family of God

Talk about the different people in God's Family, and the many things they do together.

In the blank leaf, draw a picture of you and your family. You too are part of this big family of God!

Find the picture of Jesus, your friend. Colour it in.

