

Family ↔ Domestic Church

Life - Creation
Where do I come from?

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Introduction

In this term the children will meet God as the Creator who calls and holds each one in being. God the Creator is the Giver of life and all gifts and is the source of all relationships. The children will discover that they too are co-creators and that God is to be found in all life, in all gifts and in all relationships. This term the topic 'Myself' is used to explore the theme Family ↔ Domestic Church. Through this topic children explore what makes them individuals. They discover that God the Creator's love brings each person into being, that they share in the very life of God and that their love too can bring others life. They will explore their own uniqueness as a child of God.

Search

To know ourselves and appreciate our value and uniqueness is central to our well-being. We discover this through the relationships formed throughout our lives. The more we come to know ourselves, the more we discover the mystery and the wonder of human life and to know more about ourselves is to know more about our God who became human.

What have other people valued and appreciated in you?

[Pause for reflection and sharing]

Revelation

Christians believe that each person is created by God in love, in the image and likeness of God. Our gifts, our creativity, our potential are signs that we share God's creative life and love. God calls all people to live with one another in love and in this way to reflect the love and unity of God whom we call Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Psalm 139 helps us to recognise and celebrate God's creation in our own lives.

From Psalm 139:

It was you who created my inmost self,
and put me together in my mother's womb
for all these mysteries I thank you:
for the wonder of myself,
for the wonder of your works.
You know me through and through,
From having watched my bones take shape

When I was being formed in secret,
Knitted together in the limbo of the womb

**What image of God does this convey?
Do you find any assurances of your own uniqueness in this psalm?**

[Pause for reflection and sharing]

Response

Into the Classroom

What can you do in the classroom to teach the children to discover their own uniqueness and to marvel at themselves and what they can do?

Is there anything you can do as a whole school to promote these values?

What are your ideas for a central focal display for the whole school (hall, entrance area etc)?

[A time to share ideas with one another]

Invitation to Prayer

Thomas Merton, a Trappist monk and an author, wrote:

“For me, to be a saint means to be myself. Therefore, the problem of sanctity and salvation is in fact the problem of finding out who I am and of discovering my true self.”

(New Seeds of Contemplation, Burns and Oates Ltd.)

Let us pray together:

**Lord God,
Help me to discover my true self
and to enable those I teach
to see in themselves the image of God.
In all I do, think and say,
help me to show your face, Amen.**