**LOWER KEY STAGE 2: YEAR THREE**

**3.1 THE CHRISTIAN FAMILY**

**CONCEPTS:** Church, Sacrament

**About this unit**

This unit is designed to develop the children’s knowledge and understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism. Through the unit children explore what it means to belong to a family and the Christian family.

**Where this unit fits in**

This unit builds on previous learning in Year One during the unit 1.3 ‘Families & Celebrations’ which helped the children reflect on what it means to belong to a family. It builds on the importance of the Holy Spirit in the Year Two units 2.2 ‘Mysteries’ and 2.6 ‘The Church is Born’.

**Prior learning**

Children will know about special celebrations in the family and in Church.

**Key Words**

Belong, Christian, Family, Church, Parish, Priest, celebrate, Baptised, Christian name, sign of the cross, baptismal font, anointed, godparents, baptismal promises, child of God, water, white garment, baptismal candle, Paschal Candle, oil, Our Father, Holy Spirit, Sacrament

**Links to ‘God’s Story’ and ‘Church’s Story’**

*God’s Story 2,* pp. 72-73

*Church’s Story 2,* pp. 5-37

*Church’s Story 3,* pp. 12-15; 24-25; 36-43

**KEY SCRIPTURE**

Isaiah 49: 16 ‘I have written your name on the palms of my hands.’

Mark 2: 1-12 (Jesus heals the paralysed man)

See the Scripture referred to in the Teacher Book pp. 10-15

**KNOWLEDGE SEQUENCE**

• Belonging to a family is important because a family provides love, care and helps give a sense of who you are (identity)

• The Church is a family of people called Christians who love God by following Jesus

• A Sacrament is a very important gift from Jesus when we receive special help from the Holy Spirit.

• The Sacrament of Baptism makes someone a member of the Church

• In Baptism, signs are used to show what Christians believe

• Promises made in Baptism are important to keep

**WTL LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

• *Know that we all belong to a family*

*• Think about how we can help our family*

• Reflect on what it means to be a part of a family

• Understand that the Church is the family of God

• Reflect on what it means to be part of the Christian family

• *Reflect on how the family of the Church helps us*

• Know that we join this family when we receive the Sacrament of Baptism

• Know what happens at a Baptism

• Know the signs used in Baptism and why they are used

• Know the promises made by parents and godparents at Baptism

• Know that Baptism is a sacrament

• *Think about the importance of keeping promises*

• Experience a liturgical celebration

**BY THE END OF THIS UNIT PUPILS ARE EXPECTED TO BE ABLE TO:**

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| Ask and respond to questions about their own and others’ experience of family life | Describe different forms of family, community and the community of the local Church (diocese and parish) | Give examples of how you live as a member of your family and other communities you belong to | Listen to another’s view of family life and give their own view  |
| Know what a sacrament is and that Baptism is a sacrament. Describe how each sign is used in Baptism, (water, chrism oil, candle, white garment) | Give a reason why, at least, three signs are used in Baptism  | **Make a link in their work between Baptism and what it tells Christians about living a Christian life** (welcoming others, being a ‘light’ to others, making promises) | Ask and respond to questions about whether baptism has anything to say to them about belonging, promises and commitment by answering questions like, ‘What shows that you belong to your family?’ ‘Why is it a good idea to make a promise when you have a baby?’ ‘What do you think it means to belong to God?’ ‘What do people who belong to God do?’ **‘Why do Catholics baptise their babies and not wait until they are older?’** |
| Use religious words like, Church, Christian, Baptism, Sacrament, God parent, Promise, Font, water, oil, anointed, white garment, Paschal candle, priest |