

Prior Knowledge:
God knows and
loves me by name.



FAMILY



What does the word 'family' mean to you?

What people do you associate with family?

What joys and sorrows do you remember of family life?

Everyone belongs to the family of God. It is in the love of a family that Christians first experience the reality of Church.

Key Vocabulary

Family, belong, God, love, care, different, God's Children, psalm, family of God, response

SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE

Who loves me?
Who are my family?
How do families show love and care?



Who else do you know from our Church family of St. Mary's?



Religious Families/Bible Stories about Family

Mary, Joseph & Jesus
The Prodigal Son
Jacob and his twelve Sons
Cain & Abel
The Pope as father of the Church family.

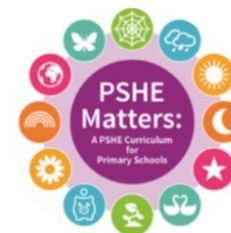
CHURCH TEACHING

This is an outline of the teaching of the Church covered in **FAMILIES**:

- God loves and cares for everyone.
- We can trust God.
- Jesus was part of a loving family.
- The importance of prayer: night prayers.
- The psalms help us pray and think about God.
- God cares for us as a loving parent.

PSHE Links:

Difference & Diversity
Being Me
Exploring Emotions
Relationships
Being Responsible



Prayer and Reflection

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and crowned its goodness by
creating family life.
Teach us the beauty of human love,
show us the value of family life
and help us to live in peace
with everyone.
Amen.*