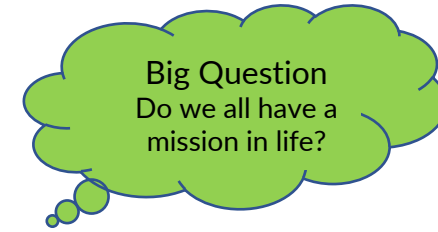




Prior Knowledge:  
Knowledge and understanding of the life of the local Christian community

# Mission



Think back to your childhood. Which celebrations of community life did you most enjoy? How did you celebrate? Who took part? Which celebration are you looking forward to in the coming months? How will you celebrate? Who else will take part?

The Church, the Christian family, is made up of smaller Christian families called dioceses. Each diocese is led by a bishop. The bishops continue the work of 'the twelve', the apostles, who continued the work and mission of Jesus. Jesus is the head of these families. He is the head of the Church. There are other Christian families which are not part of the Catholic Church. Ecumenism is the word used for promoting unity among Christian churches. One of the final prayers of Jesus was that all Christian families might be one.

## Key Vocabulary

Mission, bishop, ecumenism, cathedral, diocese, inspirational, Baptism, Christian Unity, Gentile, inspired

## Scripture:

Luke 4: 14-22 – *God's Story 3* page 95  
Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11 – *God's Story 3* page 65  
Luke 8: 1-3 – *God's Story 3* page 99  
John 17: 11-12, 20-23 – *God's Story 3* page 109  
I Corinthians 12: 12-17, 21, 27

### Questions of meaning and purpose?

What inspires people in their mission?  
What are the joys and demands of engaging in a mission?  
What unites Christian communities?

Perhaps you may want to research the work that these charities undertake. Each charity was set up by somebody that had a mission in life and the charities still continue that mission today.



### CHURCH TEACHING

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

- Christ inaugurates the proclamation of the Good News using Isaiah.
- The apostles share in Christ's mission.
- Prayer for unity in John's Gospel.
- The nature of a diocese.
- The bishop is the successor of the apostles and continues the mission of Christ.
- The meaning of ecumenism.

### Prayer and Reflection

*Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon who did not die until he had been privileged to welcome the Messiah. In Sacramental Celebrations we meet the Risen Christ. May he continue to give us life. Amen.*

### PSHE Links:



- Being Me
- Exploring Emotions
- Relationships
- Differences and Diversity
- Being Responsible

### Songs and Hymns

- *God's Spirit is in my heart,*
- *Apostles' Song,*
- *Ev'ryone has a mission*

### Additional Links

Bishop Patrick's spiritual theme of Missionary discipleship.  
Quotations from Pope Francis