

# Our Families



**Monday**

**Prayer Leader:**

This week, our prayers are all about celebrating our families.

Let's think first about a question that Jesus once asked:  
**"Who is my family?"**



## Prayer Leader:

Families come in all different shapes and sizes.

Maybe you said some of these words to describe who is in your family:

Take a moment to think:

**What makes your family special to you?**



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Aunties  
Half-brother  
Mum  
Dad  
Brothers  
Step-Mum  
Half-sister  
Uncles  
Step-Dad  
Sisters  
Grandpa  
Grandma  
Cousins



**Prayer Leader:**

Our families are special,  
because they love and care for us.

Let's pray for them now:

**All:**

**Dear Jesus,**

**Thank you for our families.**

**Thank you for all the people who  
love and care for us.**

**Help them to know that you love them,  
and we love them too.**

**Amen**

**Tuesday**

**Prayer Leader:**

Yesterday we thought about our families who we live with.

Today we are celebrating another family that we are all part of – God's family!

Think about this question:  
**Who is God's family?**



## Prayer Leader:

Did you know that God invites all of us to be part of His family?

We are the children of our parents, but God calls us His children too!

God loves us, looks after us, protects us and has good plans for us, just like a loving Father.

Jesus said:

**“Everyone who does the will of God... whoever loves others like God asks them to – they are my family.”**





**Prayer Leader:**

God's family is very special. It means we have brothers and sisters all over the world!

Let's pray for them now:

**All:**

**Dear God,**

**Thank you that you welcome us to be  
part of your family.**

**Thank you for all our brothers and sisters  
around the world.**

**Help them to know that you love them,  
and we love them too.**

**Amen**

**Wednesday**

**Prayer Leader:**

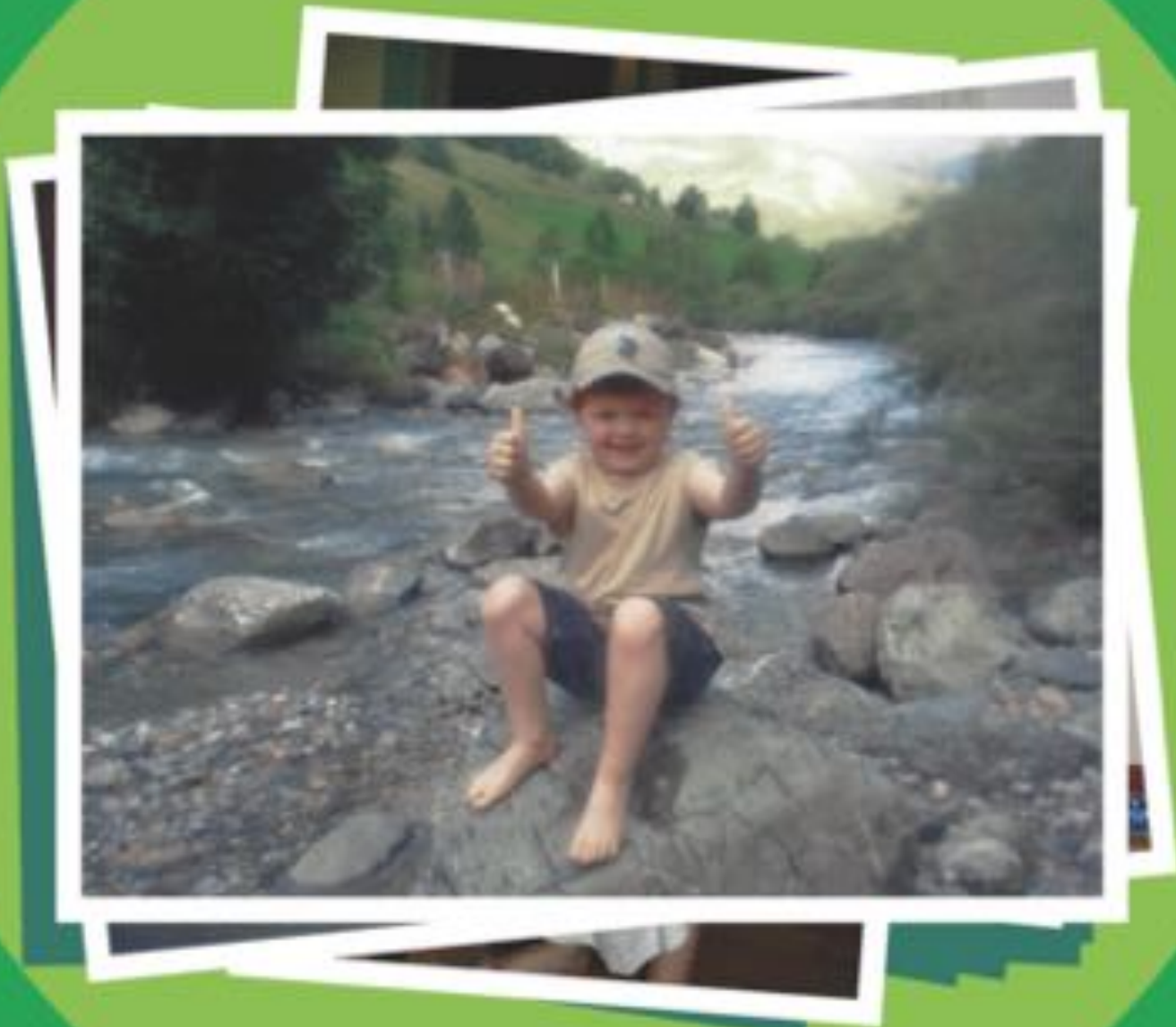
This week in our prayers we are celebrating families. We know that families come in all shapes and sizes.

Today we will hear the story of Joe, whose close family includes his Mum, Grandma, Great-Grandma and Uncle.

Although they don't all live together, they are very close and care for one another.







**Prayer Leader:**

Every family is different in one way or another. Sometimes there is sadness in families. But there are always people who love and care for us.

Let's pray for them now:

**All:**

**Dear God,**

**Thank you for the people who love and care for us.**

**Sometimes these people are part of our family and sometimes they're not.**

**Help them to know that you love them, and we love them too.**

**Amen**

**Thursday**

**Prayer Leader:**

Can you remember what special day it was last Sunday?

**Father's Day**





**Prayer Leader:**

Father's Day is a time when we celebrate the special men in our lives.

This might be our **Dads**.

But for many of us it is also our **Father figures** – perhaps our granddads, uncles or family friends.

People who aren't our Dads but look after us anyway.

**Take a moment now to thank God for the special father figures in your life.**



**Prayer Leader:**

God puts people in our lives to help  
shape us as we grow.

Let's pray for them now:

**All:**

**Father God,**

**Thank you for all the wonderful father figures  
in our lives.**

**Help us to listen to their advice and  
value our time with them.**

**Help them to know that you love them,  
and we love them too.**

**Amen**



## **Prayer Leader:**

We'll finish our prayers today  
with a special prayer to St Joseph,  
foster-father to Jesus:

## **All:**

**Blessed Joseph,  
show yourself also a father  
for us,  
and lead us on the path of life.  
Give us grace, mercy  
and courage,  
and defend us from all evil.  
Amen**





# Friday

## Prayer Leader:

This week we have been celebrating families of all kinds:

- The families we live with or are related to – which come in all shapes and sizes!
- God's family – which He welcomes us all to be part of!
- Father's Day – when we celebrate our Dads and Father figures



## Prayer Leader:

Father's Day is also a time for us to celebrate **priests**, who are like 'fathers' to the whole community.

And finally, we give thanks to our **Heavenly Father**, God, who loves and cares for us more deeply than any father on earth.

**Take a moment now to thank God for His love, before we finish with a final prayer.**



**All:**

**God made us a family.**

**We need one another.**

**We forgive one another.**

**We work together.**

**We play together.**

**We worship together.**

**Together we read God's word.**

**Together we grow in Christ.**

**Together we love all people**

**Together we serve God.**

**Together we look forward  
to living with Him in Heaven.**

**Amen**