ME, MYSELF AND I

Stage: 2 Year 4  Unit Duration: 10 Lessons

Weeks 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10  Terms 1 2 3 4

Enduring Understandings

E.1. God is with us on our journey he encourages us to become a complete person.
E.2. As we grow and develop we appreciate and respect our body and the body of others.
E.3. Life-giving values of the Gospel underpin our relationships and decisions.

Essential Questions:
- How is personal growth and development influenced by personal identity, values and changes related to puberty and life?

Major Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

GDS2.9 Describes life changes and associated feelings

Skills

COS2.1 Uses a variety of ways to communicate with and within groups

Values and Attitudes

V1 Refers to a sense of their own worth and dignity

Contributing Outcomes

Knowledge and Understanding

IRS2.11 Describes how relationships with a range of people enhance wellbeing

Skills

INS2.3 Makes positive contributions in group activities

DMS2.2 Makes decisions as an individual and as a group member

Values and Attitudes

V2 Respects the right of others to hold different values and attitudes from their own

V3 Enjoys a sense of belonging

Contributing Questions/Lesson Overview

1. What are my personal strengths? (E.1)
2. What are feelings? (E.1, E.3)
3. What is my personality like? (E.1)
4. How are girls and boys expected to act? (E.1)
5. How have I changed? (E.2)
6. How have I changed? (E.2)
7. How do I cope with change? (E.3)
8. How do I cope with loss? (E.3)
9. What are my values? (E.3)
10. What does my family value? (E.3)

KidsMatter SEL Focus

Major:
- Self-Awareness - Recognising
- Strengths:
- Self-Awareness - Identifying emotions:
- Self-Management - Managing emotions:
- Responsible Decision Making - Analysing situations:
- Social Awareness - Perspective Taking

Minor:
- Self-Awareness - Identifying emotions:
- Self-Management - Managing emotions:
- Social Awareness - Appreciating Diversity:
- Self Awareness - Recognising Strengths

Catholic Dimension/Towards Wholeness (TW) (Also refer to overview of TW for this unit)

Growth and Development

God has created each of us to grow into the fullness of life. We are made in God's image and therefore, we are of inherent dignity and worth. Our sexuality is an intrinsic part of ourselves, to be celebrated and expressed with joy and responsibility, according to God's plan. Each person grows and changes, passing through stages on a journey towards full maturity. God is with us on this journey, reassuring and challenging. We are never alone.

Interpersonal Relationships

Human beings find their true place within community; they grow towards maturity through the relationships they maintain. We all depend on each other and, as we mature, we grow in awareness of our responsibility for each other. Alone and isolated we cannot develop our gifts and live as God intended. Among family, friends, members of our peer group and others, we find our place as contributing members of society. It calls us all to enter freely into loving and forgiving relationships that are embedded in community, to develop such qualities as honesty, respect, empathy, openness and a commitment to equality.
**Foundation Statements**

Students describe the factors that influence healthy lifestyle decisions and demonstrate an understanding of the decision making process. They examine how the use of drugs such as tobacco and alcohol can cause harm. They investigate nutritional choices relating to cultural beliefs, special dietary needs and ‘fast food’. Students demonstrate behaviours to stay safe at home, on and near roads, when travelling to and from school, and near water. They demonstrate the capacity to deal with unsafe situations including abuse, bullying and harassment.

Students recognise individual strengths and limitations and they identify characteristics that make them unique. They explore body changes that occur during life, including puberty. Students explain how positive relationships are formed and the importance of effective communication of feelings and needs in maintaining relationships. They recognise the rights, values and feelings of others and devise strategies to solve problems, recognise and accept differences and manage conflict.

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**Technology**

The following websites have been selected to enhance various concepts being taught throughout this unit. Most of the sites listed can be linked to more than one of the lessons being taught. Teachers may like to add them to the school intranet site.

- [http://www.goodcharacter.com/YCC/Feelings.html](http://www.goodcharacter.com/YCC/Feelings.html)

**Subject Matter**

**Growth and Development**

**Personal Identity**
- Recognising strengths and limitations
  - developing strengths
  - setting goals
- Recognising attributes of self and others
- Confronting problems
- Feelings about self
- Positive self talk
- Gender images and expectations

**The Body**
- Rates and stages of growth and development
- Heredity

**Human Sexuality**
- Male/female characteristics
- Changes related to puberty

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**Values**
- Definition of values
  - personal values
  - school values
  - family and cultural values
- Rights and responsibilities
  - self
  - others
- Uniqueness of self
  - identity
  - development

**Interpersonal Relationships**

**Relationships**
- Recognising individual needs
- Caring
- Different kinds of relationships

**Communication**
- Recognising and accepting differences
- Appropriate expression of feelings
- Communicating feelings and needs
- Encouraging others
- Understanding feelings of others

**Families**
- Types of families
- Family changes
- Parenting

**Unit Evaluation**

Sample teacher and student unit evaluations are included at the end of the unit.

**Assessment**

Assessment strategies are included in each lesson. The assessment task for this unit is in Lesson 5.
**An Overview of Towards Wholeness (TW) in the PDH Unit**

*Me, Myself and I - Stage 2*

**Key God’s Word:**

*Our body is a gift of God, ‘God’s Temple’ (1 Cor 3:16), to be treated with respect.*

‘God saw everything that he had made and indeed it was very good.’ (Gen 1:31)

*Jesus provides us with the model: ‘The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.’ (Lk 2:40)*

We are called to love and tolerate others who are changing and growing: Love is patient and kind, it is never jealous.

*(1 Cor 13:4-7)*

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| **E.1. God is with us on our journey he encourages us to become a complete person.** | - As an individual, I am a person of God.  
- I am special, as God loves me. TW p.24  
- As we grow and develop we enjoy all our capacities and gifts, our intellect, our emotions, our spirit, our will and our physical bodies. TW p.27 | 1. What are my personal strengths?  
2. What are feelings?  
3. What is my personality like?  
4. How are girls and boys expected to act? |
| **E.2. As we grow and develop we appreciate and respect our body and the body of others.** | - We have an obligation to care for others and ourselves. TW p.25  
- We should appreciate and respect our body and the bodies of others. TW p.25 | 5&6. How have I changed? |
| **E.3. Life-giving values of the Gospel underpin our relationships and decisions.** | - We should be aware of emotions as contributing to the richness of life. TW p.26  
- We are called to identify and strive towards the living of Christian values. TW p.26 | 2. What are feelings?  
8. How do I cope with loss?  
9. What are my values?  
10. What does my family value? |
## Lesson 1  What are my personal strengths?

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**KidsMatter SEL Focus:** Major: Self-Awareness - Recognising Strengths; Minor – Self-Awareness - Identifying emotions

**Suggested Learning Experiences**

As a class, students brainstorm the meanings of the terms, strengths and limitations. Students suggest examples of strengths and limitations.

**TW:** Teacher writes on the board, ‘As we grow, we develop the strengths of our talents, our personality, our emotions, our spirit, our will and our physical bodies.’ While listening to quiet music, children identify their own strengths. Using Microsoft Word (or relevant software) or paper, students prepare and design a poster that depicts their personal qualities and strengths. Students share their advertisements with the class/small groups.

Students write their own name at the top of a sheet of paper and then trace an outline of their hand onto the paper. Students leave their sheet on their desk and move around the room indicating the different strengths of each student in the class by writing it on the sheet. Remind the children to use the areas of strength discussed above.

Teacher collects the sheets and reads the strengths of a few students for the class to guess the identity of the sheet owner. These children express how the positive statements made them feel.

**OR**

Using a set of strengths cards students select their strengths from the cards and share these with a partner.

**OPTIONAL HOME TASK:** Students set goals relating to a selected strength by completing the Going from Strength to Strength Activity. Students then present their activity responses to the class.

**Resources**

- Art paper
- Textas
- Microsoft Powerpoint
- Quiet music
- Optional: Strengths Cards

**Assessment**

Student work sample of self strengths poster.

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Fill in the table and complete the sentences below.

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<td>eg good pianist, able gymnast</td>
<td>eg continue to practice, play for different audiences, keep fit, practice and compete in competitions</td>
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Choose one strength that you will focus on developing.

Strength:

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Goal Statement
I will continue to develop this strength by:

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Lesson 2  What are feelings?

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**KidsMatter SEL Focus:** Major - Self Awareness - Identifying emotions; Minor - Self Management - Managing emotions

**Suggested Learning Experiences**

Students discuss the difference between the terms 'sensation' and 'emotion'. Students brainstorm a list of sensations and emotions as a word bank. (A sensation is a 'physical' reaction to a stimulus and an emotion is a 'thinking' reaction to a stimulus. For example, going on a roller coaster ride can give you a giddy sensation in the stomach and also make you feel happy and/or frightened.)

TW: Teacher shows a variety of magazine pictures (or picture books or images off the internet) of people showing a range of emotions. Discuss each emotion in the various pictures, eg. Surprised, happy, sad, angry, hurt, lonely, proud, afraid, excited, embarrassed, disappointed, loved, bored. Ensure students are aware of the role emotions play in contributing to the richness of life.

Using the emotion 'disappointment,' students take turns to select a time in their life when they felt this emotion. How did they cope with disappointment? Examples:

- talk to a friend to share how you are feeling
- think about a time that you have done well at something else - what are you good at?
- go to your favourite place to take your mind off it
- do something you enjoy
- feel happy for someone else (eg, congratulate the winning team or person).

Using the **REDI ‘One and All’ Middle Primary Kit** students view video - (6mins into video; ‘I’m ok. Positive View of Self’ p.25. Children talk about feeling worried and what they can do to feel less worried. Activity sheet 2.2a, p.64 ‘How it Feels…’) and/or the Charades Activity. Teacher notes p.30 (Activity Sheet 2.4c, p.72. ‘Feeling Cards’)

TW: As a class, identify the types of feelings that promote positive self-esteem, good health and wellbeing. It is important and helpful to remember that God loves us, that each of us is unique, individual and a person of God.

**Resources**

- Magazines
- **REDI ‘One and All’ Middle Primary Kit** p. 25, 30, 64, 72

**Assessment**

Student explanations of life experiences relating to emotions and charades activity.

Lesson 3  What is my personality like?

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**KidsMatter SEL Focus:** Major - Self Awareness - Recognising Strengths

**Suggested Learning Experiences**

Students observe the pictures of 4 animals, eg fox, bear, shark, bird (poster or interactive white board). Students select an animal that they consider reflects their own personality. The class forms four groups according to their personality/animal selection. In small groups students list the words that best describe their chosen animal. Each group shares their ideas with the rest of the class.

**REDI Kit. Middle Primary. p. 28,29. Self Awareness Activities Activity Sheets.p.70 'About Me' (2.4a), p.71 'Who Am I?' (2.4b)**

Students prepare a report on My Personality or make up an acronym based on the letters of their name that best describes their personality (If time permits, repeat process for another classmate).

**OPTIONAL:** As a whole class, form two concentric circles with students facing each other. Students talk to the person that they are facing about a range of topics and rotate every 2-3 minutes each person is to share their viewpoint on the topic. Some suggested topics could include:

- What is your favourite food?
- What is your favourite TV show?
- What makes you laugh?
- What makes you sad?
- If you won $500, what would you spend it on?
- What do you want to be when you grow up?
- Who is your favourite hero/movie star?
- What is your favourite pet/animal?
- What car would you buy?
- What one thing would you like to be better at?
- What scares you?

**Resources**

- Pictures of animals
- REDI Kit, 'One and All', Middle Primary,

**Assessment**

Teacher observation of student contribution in class discussion or report on 'My Personality'

Lesson 4  How are girls and boys expected to act?

### Enduring Understandings

| **E.1** God is with us on our journey he encourages us to become a complete person. |

### Outcomes

| GDS2.9 Describes life changes and associated feelings |
| COS2.1 Uses a variety of ways to communicate with and within groups |
| V2 Respects the right of others to hold different values and attitudes from their own |

### Indicators

| Identifies situations where expectations can differ according to gender |
| Describes gender stereotypes |
| Shows sensitivity to the needs, rights, feelings and efforts of others |

#### KidsMatter SEL Focus: Minor - Social Awareness-Appealing Diversity

#### Suggested Learning Experiences

Teacher divides the class in half and students read books relating to gender stereotypes. Examples: *Princess Smartypants, The Paper Bag Princess*

In their groups, students prepare a character profile of each character by describing:

- how the character is dressed
- what activities the character is doing
- words that describe the character
- what people expected of the character

Teacher selects several students from each half of the class, to present their findings.

As a class, discuss the concept of gender images and expectations. Write the following activities on cards/board, and discuss the stereotyped gender of people who would participate in these activities.

- cars
- dolls
- dancing
- lego
- football / soccer
- playing in dirt / mud / puddles
- computers

Discuss the accuracy of these stereotypes. Give examples of celebrities or friends who break such stereotypes, eg. Hugh Jackman is a male actor who sings, dances, acts and loves cricket; Pink is a female rock star who sings loud and boisterous songs.

**TW:** Remind students that we are individuals, created by God, with different likes and dislikes. Students share activities in which they participate and identify the ones that do not fit typical stereotypes.

Design a birthday card or computer games cover that is non-stereotypical.

#### Resources

- Art paper, Coloured pencils, Textas, Crayons

#### Assessment

Student contribution in the two activities, *Reading and Group Reporting Activity or non-stereotypical card design.*
Lesson 5 & 6  How have I changed?

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Suggested Learning Experiences

Note: Ask students if they have ultrasound photographs or videos of before they were born and invite them to bring them in to the next lesson.

In pairs, students categorise or describe each other according to - hair colour, hair type (curly/straight), eye colour, skin colour, height (tall/short).

Students compare their physical appearance with that of their relatives by completing The Who Do I Look Like? Activity. Teacher Note: Be sensitive to the needs of adopted children when discussing inherited characteristics.

TW: Discuss different stages of life and form a time line of growth and development. Students identify and label each stage of life, eg pre-birth, infancy, childhood, puberty, adolescence, young adulthood, middle age, old age. Lead students to appreciate that through the development of their body they can experience more things in life. Therefore we have a responsibility to respect and care for our bodies and the bodies of others.

Students use the Patterns of Growth Activity to identify their personal development - as a baby, in kindergarten and now, for physical, social, intellectual and emotional development. Students share their responses with the class.

OPTIONAL HOME TASK: Students interview their parent/carers about pre-birth information using the Before You Were Born Activity for children living with their biological parent/carer or the Before You Arrived Activity for children who are adopted or not living with their biological parents. Students complete the Certificate of Birth Activity.

Resources

- Patterns of Growth Activity
- Butchers paper, Textas, Magazines, Scissors and glue
- Optional: Before You Were Born, Before You Arrived, Certificate of Birth Activities
- Who Do I Look Like? Activity
- Students’ Ultrasound Pictures

Assessment

Student work sample of Patterns of Growth worksheet
CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH

Catholic Beliefs/Values: I am special, as God loves me. We have an obligation to care for others and ourselves.

Name of baby: ________________________________________

Father: _____________________________________________

Mother: ____________________________________________

Date of birth: ______________  Weight: __________________

Length: ___________________  Colour of eyes: _____________

Doctor/midwife: ______________________________________

Hospital/home: _______________________________________

People in attendance: ___________________________________

Comments made following birth: ___________________________

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This task provides students with the opportunity to demonstrate their standard of achievement of the following outcomes:

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**TASK:**

Students use the *Patterns of Growth* Activity to identify their developmental tasks as a baby, in kindergarten and now, for physical, social, intellectual and emotional development.

Students share their responses with the class.

Before You Arrived

Ask your parent/carer the following questions:

1. Who told you I was coming?
   ______________________________________________________________________

2. How did you feel when you found out I was coming?
   ______________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________

3. What did you think I would be like before you saw me?
   ______________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________

4. What special things did you do to prepare for my coming?
   ______________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________

5. Why was I given my particular name?
   ______________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________

6. What do you know about my birth?
   ______________________________________________________________________
   ______________________________________________________________________
Before You Were Born

Ask your parent/carer the following questions:

1. Was I born earlier or later than expected?
  _____________________________________________________________________

2. What was Mum doing at the time?
   _________________________________________________________________

3. What time of day/night was I born?
   _________________________________________________________________

4. What time did Mum go into labour?
   _________________________________________________________________

5. What was the weather like on that day?
   _________________________________________________________________

6. How old were my brothers/sisters then?
   _________________________________________________________________

7. What name would I have been given if I had been the opposite sex?
   _________________________________________________________________

8. Were there any funny or memorable events surrounding my birth?
   _________________________________________________________________

9. How did the rest of the family feel when they heard I had arrived?
   _________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________
   _________________________________________________________________
Patterns of Growth

**Physical**
Describe what you could do:

as a baby: ________________________________________________________________

in Kindergarten: __________________________________________________________

now: _____________________________________________________________________

**Social**
Describe how you got on with others:

as a baby: ________________________________________________________________

in Kindergarten: __________________________________________________________

now: _____________________________________________________________________

**Intellectual**
Discuss how you talked, wrote and explained things:

as a baby: ________________________________________________________________

in Kindergarten: __________________________________________________________

now: _____________________________________________________________________

**Emotional**
Discuss how you coped when someone took something away from you:

as a baby: ________________________________________________________________

in Kindergarten: __________________________________________________________

now: _____________________________________________________________________
Who do I look like?

Students record the names of family members with similar characteristics.

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1. What are three (3) characteristics you inherited from your Mum or Dad?
   
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   __________________________________________________________

2. What characteristics do you predict could be inherited by your children in the future?

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### Lesson 7  How do I cope with change?

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**KidsMatter SEL Focus:** Major - Self Management - Managing emotions; Minor - Self Awareness - Identifying emotions; Self Awareness - Recognising Strengths

### Suggested Learning Experiences

Students think about/list their friends from kindergarten and their current friends. Discuss/reflect upon:

1. Have these friendships changed?
2. If so, why have they changed? (moving house, changing schools, different interests, disagreements)
3. If not, why not?

Students compile a list of changes in their lives and record these in their books.

Individually, students complete *A Big Change! Activity* (2-3 examples) and share their responses with their group. Try to include at least one change in their friends as an example on their activity.

Teacher introduces the term ‘resilience’ - ‘an individual’s ability to cope with changes in their life’ (Andrew Fuller describes it as a person’s ability to bunji jump through life or one’s ability to bounce back after a change in their life.) Using the *What Is Resilience Activity*, discuss:

1. What is a resilient person?
2. Why are some people more resilient than others?
3. What strengths do I possess that will help me be more resilient?
4. How can we learn to be more resilient?

**Teacher Note:** Resilience is supported by:

- Belonging to a family or group where the individual feels loved and valued
- Being positive and enjoying life
- Taking responsibility for different things
- Going to a school where you feel happy and safe
- Understanding rules and expectations
- Having lots of friends (who are positive)
- Having other adults you can talk to
- Having family celebrations, birthdays, holidays, etc
- Doing things that give you success
- Choosing to worry about the big things not the little things (perspective)

### Resources

- *What is Resilience? Activity*

### Assessment

Student work sample of *A Big Change Activity*

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Think of a major change that has happened to you.
- What effect did it have on you?
- Who else was affected?
- How did it affect them?

Record the answers to these questions on this sheet.

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What is Resilience?

Resilience is a person's ability to cope with changes in their life. It has been described as a person's ability to bunji jump through life — that means their ability to bounce back during difficult times.

What are the skills of Resilience?

- Understanding feelings that you have about yourself
- Understanding feelings that you have about others
- Being able to calm yourself during change or conflict
- Belonging to a loving family, school, church and other groups
- Being able to cope with stress
- Being able to set goals
- Being able to develop happy and healthy relationships with others (caring, giving praise, trust, being truthful, not intentionally hurting others)
- Being positive about yourself and life (trying new things, taking risks)

What is a resilient person?

Why are some people more resilient than others?

How can you build resilience?

Lesson 8  How do I cope with loss?

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<td>• Accepts themselves as they grow and change</td>
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KidsMatter SEL Focus: Major - Self Management - Managing emotions; Minor - Self Awareness - Identifying emotions

Suggested Learning Experiences

As a class, read *Old Pig* OR *Sound of the Sea* OR *Grandpa* and discuss how the students felt: (or similar story with a theme of grief and loss - death, divorce)

• during the story
• at the end of the story.

TW: Students identify losses in their life by completing *Lost Items* Activity. Students share responses to their activity with the class. Remind children not all our life experiences will be happy ones. However, all our experiences and emotions, good and bad, contribute to the richness of life. Discuss how being a Catholic can help us deal with our loss. (Believing God is with us during good times and bad times. Having faith in the plans God has for us. Believing that God listens to our prayers when we ask him for help, believing in life after death.)

In a circle, students discuss and prepare a list of ways to cope with loss and changes, eg positive self talk, talking to a friend, praying, watching a movie, feeling that it will get better, drawing a picture or writing a story about the loss/change.

Using a square of coloured paper, students prepare a 'loss quilt' by drawing a picture of something/someone they have lost and draw something special about that thing/person, and how they coped with their loss/change. The class tapes the squares of coloured paper together to form a 'Memory Quilt'. Students explain their drawings to the class.

Resources

• Harvey, J. *Sound of the Sea*
• Norman, L., Young, N. 1998 *Grandpa*. Scholastic.
• Coloured paper

Assessment

Student work sample of *Lost Items* Activity
Have you ever lost anything?
How did it feel?
What did you do?
Complete the following table telling how you felt when you lost something/someone and the action you took.

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Lesson 9  What are my values?

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<td>• Identifies personal, family and school values</td>
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<td>INS2.3 Makes positive contributions in group activities</td>
<td>• Participates in group discussions</td>
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<td>V1 Refers to a sense of their own worth and dignity</td>
<td>• Appreciates and accepts the importance of developing a personal value system</td>
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**KidsMatter SEL Focus:** Major - Responsible Decision Making - Analysing situations

**Suggested Learning Experiences**

**TW:** Compile a class definition for the term 'Values'. Students brainstorm a list of values for their family and for school. (School values can be linked to the School Mission and Vision Statement.) These values should be based on Christian values. Christ, by his own example, showed us how to strive towards the living of Christian values.

Teacher explains the influence of personal/family values on the decision-making process and the choices we make, eg. recognise and state the problem, gather relevant information, list the alternatives, consider your values, predict the consequences, select, act and evaluate your decision.

Students participate in a continuum game by positioning themselves at signs: Strongly Agree, Agree, Neutral, Disagree, Strongly Disagree, in response to values statements. Students are selected to justify their positioning, e.g.,

- Only boys should play cricket
- Mufti/casual clothes should be worn to school
- All children should get pocket money
- Children should have more rights
- Friends should be forever
- Girls are stronger than boys
- Students should have more say in the decisions made at school
- People who litter should go to punished
- Boys should not cry
- Teachers should listen more carefully to their students
- My friends are more important than my family
- Jesus was a ‘cool’ person and teacher

Students complete *My Wish List* Activity and share their responses in small groups. The group must discuss their responses and reach a consensus.

**HOME TASK:** Students complete the *Moral Dilemmas: What Would You Do?* Activity with their family.

**Resources**

- School Mission and Vision Statement
- Signs—strongly agree, agree, neutral, disagree, strongly disagree

**Assessment**

Teacher observation of student contributions in continuum game and *My Wish List* group consensus activity.

Adapted from and reproduced with kind permission of Board of Studies, NSW, (1999), *PDHPE K-6 Teaching Kit. My Growing Self,* Sydney: BOS.
Activity Sheet 20  My Wish List

Put the following statements in order, from the most important to the least important. Place the number 1 beside the thing that is most important to you and continue, finishing with the number 9 beside the thing you think is least important.

Live to be 100
Be rich
Be famous
Be highly intelligent
Always be healthy
Have a life full of love, sharing and caring
Have many friends
Look exactly as I wish
Be the best athlete in the school

1. You have found a $20 note in a purse on the ground. The purse has the owner’s name but no address.
   • What would you do?
   • How would you feel if you had lost the $20?
   • Would it make any difference if you knew the owner?

2. Cuong knew she had gained enough points in the Little Athletics season to earn a trophy but she could do better if she attended the last meeting. The last meeting was postponed because of rain and was to be held on the first day of soccer training.
   • What should Cuong do?
   • Would it make any difference to Cuong if there were other girls or boys who were also in the same situation?
   • Is it more important to finish one commitment or to be loyal to the team that is just getting itself together?

3. Evans Primary is a small school where most students know each other very well. On Monday, a new boy came to class. He spoke with a strange accent and did not seem to know how to read very well. During recess, many of the students were laughing and making jokes about the new boy. Just then, the new boy came to Nicholas and asked him where the toilet was. Nicholas’ friends whispered to Nicholas to tell him to go into the girls’ toilet. The new boy waited patiently for Nicholas’ reply.
   • What should Nicholas do? Why?
   • Should Nicholas be responsible for helping the new boy? Why? Why not?
   • Is it more important for Nicholas to go along with his friends or to help the new boy? Explain.
Lesson 10  What does my family value?

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<td>V3 Enjoys a sense of belonging</td>
<td>• Appreciates the importance of family life and values</td>
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**KidsMatter SEL Focus:** Major - Social Awareness - Perspective-Taking; Minor - Social Awareness - Appreciating Diversity

**Suggested Learning Experiences**
As a class, review the family values discussed in lesson 9. Discuss how family values can differ, eg
- Religious beliefs
- TV programs/movies children are allowed to watch
- Bedtime
- Use of technology
- Homework
- Meals - food
- Manners - ‘please; ‘thank you’
- Fairness
- Discipline

Students prepare a list of examples of their family values and compare these with a partner, using the *Family Values Activity*.

Students identify the members of their family and changes that may occur in families, eg, new baby, older siblings moving away, grandparents moving in, illness in the family, moving due to parent’s job change.

**Option A**
Students design a Family Badge. Record Family Name. Divide badge into 4 sections- draw/label some important family values specific to their family. Share, compare, display.

**Option B**
Design an advertisement on poster/ interactive whiteboard / powerpoint promoting your family and your family values.

**Option C**
Using persuasive argument write a short speech on why your family should be best values family.

**TW:** Discuss the important role that Jesus and parents play in developing personal values.

**Resources**
- *Family Values Activity*
- Plain and coloured paper
- Scissors and glue

**Assessment**
Student work sample of paper people.
1. **What family values are the same?**

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2. **What family values are different?**

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3. **What were the main values that Jesus taught us?**

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TEACHER REFLECTION - UNIT EVALUATION

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To what extent does the assessment evidence provide:

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B. LEARNING EXPERIENCES AND INSTRUCTION
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1. What did students learn? (What knowledge and skills did they learn to deepen their understanding of the outcomes/big ideas of the unit?)

2. How do you know what they learnt? (What evidence do you have to support your judgement?)

3. What would you refine to improve student learning outcomes?
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<td>Something that still puzzles me is...</td>
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<td>If I wanted to research more about this unit I could...</td>
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<td>Something I am going to value/appreciate more about myself because of what I have learnt in this unit is...</td>
<td>I think the effort I put into my learning in this unit was:</td>
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