

Suggestions for home activities:

- *Talk to your child about his/her arrival into the family and things that family members said about them, e.g. family characteristics.*
- *Together, look at photographs or videos of them as babies and recall their story of coming into the world, their first year and the care they needed.*
- *Make a scrap book of babies using magazine pictures or photographs of your own child. Underneath each picture write one of the following: "God created babies (you) to be like Him"; "A baby is a miracle" or "You are a miracle"; "God is your parent, you are His child"; "Babies (you) are beautiful"; "Babies (you) bring Joy".*

INITIATION

(9th October – 10th November)

In this topic we look at the many ways we are welcomed (initiated) into the communities in which we live. These include the communities of family, school and church.

The children learn about the Sacrament of Baptism which enables the family to both welcome a new baby into the 'Domestic Church' community of the family and also into the parish community. Children explore the ways in which they welcome new people, other children, new staff and parents into the community of the school. They are also helped to grow in awareness of their own initiation into the church.