

## Meet the Curtis Family

**Note:** any activities involving photographing pupils must have parental permission.

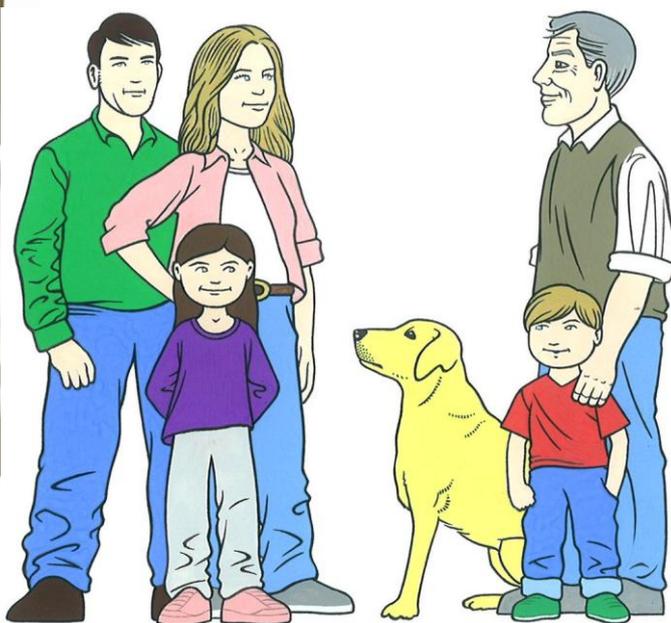
### **Introducing Ben and Eva and their Bible**

Spend a little time sharing special books; both adults and pupils can do this. Explain to the pupils that they will be finding out about a book that is very, very important for Christians; it is called the Bible.

#### **Select from the following activities:**

##### **1. Meet the Curtis family**

Introduce the pupils to the Curtis family using the presentation *Meet the Curtis family*.



#### Slides 2 and 3

Ask what they can see in the pictures.

Introduce all the members of the family, including pets, by rolling over the images to find out about them.

This is Ben and Eva and their family.

Mum is called Jania and is from Poland, Dad is called Paul and Grandad Joe lives with them.

Find out their dog's name by rolling over the dog.

Look for Ben and Eva's favourite toys, games and colours.

#### Slide 4

Explain that the Curtis family are Christians; they believe in God and Jesus. As a family they go to St Mark's church.

#### Slide 5

Ben and Eva go to Sunday club at church. At Sunday club Ben and Eva listen to stories from the Bible and sometimes they dress up and act the stories.

#### Slide 6

Ben and Eva have their own Bibles with pictures. Eva can read some of the stories. Their parents read them stories from the Bible at bedtime.

Mum, Jania, has a modern Bible.



Grandad Joe has a very old Bible. It does not have pictures but it does have lovely gold edges. The words are very beautiful. He sometimes reads from it to Ben and Eva.

Slide 7

Explain that Grandad's Bible is very, very old; Bibles like Grandad's were first printed 400 years ago. The family is celebrating Grandad's Bible being 400 years old.

**Note:** the time span is difficult for this age group; just communicate an impression of age.

Print a picture of Ben and Eva and use it a talking point with the pupils.

**2. Music**

**The Bible Song** (Sung to *Away in a Manger*)

The Bible is special, it tells about God,  
and all about Jesus who came to show love.  
The stories of Jesus say God cares for all;  
He cares for each person no matter how small.

This song can be introduced as a song that Ben and Eva sing in church. Download the sound file to hear it. Pupils can sing it, if appropriate, and

use untuned instruments to accompany it. Add some signs with the songs:

[www.makaton.org](http://www.makaton.org) The Makaton charity's website, useful for teachers

[www.christiansigns.co.uk/public/search.php](http://www.christiansigns.co.uk/public/search.php) Database of signs associated with Christian worship, useful for teachers

[www.britishsignlanguage.com/](http://www.britishsignlanguage.com/) Moving pictures for basic signs

**3. Language**

Show a range of Bibles, including a King James Bible (1611).

Show pupils how a book works, in what direction we read and the sequence of the pages. Show pupils how to handle a Bible carefully as it is an important book. (People keep it clean, don't damage it.)

Explain that all the books tell the same stories, but some are in harder words for grown ups. Show the King James Bible, explain that it is very old and this year is its birthday so lots of Christians, like Ben and Eva, are having a celebration.

**Reflection/Celebration**

Explain to the pupils that they are having some special foods at snack time as it is a special time and they are learning about a very, very important book. You might want to draw on the some of the **Celebration ideas** in the general section. Ask pupils to think about things they celebrate.