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Our family is like a tree. My grandma and grandad are at the trunk.

# Notes for Teachers

## Overview

This story is about belonging and being linked and connected to one another. It begins with links of individuals within families and moves to families being linked with other families within the context of Church as family. Particular attention needs to be paid to the different types of families children come from.

## Learning outcomes

- 1 Understand and name the different structural relationships within the children's own families and extended families.
- 2 Appreciate the dynamic nature of family as a growing, changing reality, at times getting bigger and at other times getting smaller (when there is a death in a family).
- 3 Understand that families come in all shapes and sizes – from a parent and child, to parents and children and a variety of extended family compositions.

## Children's experience

- Help the children name a variety of family shapes and sizes, and discuss significant changes that may have occurred within their families (the birth of a new baby, a marriage, a death).
- Explore the similarities and differences in family trees – size and shape, cultural practices. Celebrate and affirm these.
- Create individual Family Trees and link these to form a Parish Family Tree.