**Early Years**

**Knowledge Organiser**

**Local Church – Community**

**Topic 4: Celebrating**

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| Key Words | |
| Word | **Definition** |
| Church | A building for public Christian worship. |
| priest | A priest is a religious leader that performs sacred rituals of religion. |
| Celebrate/celebrating | Acknowledge (a significant or happy day or event) with a social gathering or enjoyable activity. |
| Parish family | The parish family is a living community and part of Christian family. |
| family | A group of people who are related. |
| community | A community is a social unit. |
| celebration | A special social event, such as a party, when you celebrate something |
| party | When people get together to celebrate. |
| memory | Memory is the faculty of the brain by which data or information is encoded, stored, and retrieved when needed. |
| Priest | A [person](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/person), usually a man, who has been [trained](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/trained) to [perform](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/perform) [religious](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/religious) [duties](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/duty) in the [Christian](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/christian) [Church](https://dictionary.cambridge.org/dictionary/english/ame), |
| Father | Can be a dad or another name for a priest. |
| altar | The table in a Christian church at which the bread and wine are consecrated in communion services. |
| Temple | Is a building reserved for religious or spiritual rituals |
| parish | A Christian group of people who live in the same area. |

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| Scripture |
| Luke 2: 22b – *God’s Story 1* pages 28-29  (teachers’ notes page 48) |

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| Big Question |
| What and why do people celebrate? |
| My first thoughts: |

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| What will I learn? |
| * To begin to talk about your own experiences and feelings about celebrations they have been part of and how the celebration was shared. * To begin to wonder about why people celebrate. * To begin to wonder about how they feel when you celebrate. * To begin to recognise the story of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the Temple. * To begin to recognise some of the elements and words used in church celebrations. * To begin to recognise that the church/parish family celebrate in particular ways. |