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Godparents' Sunday

The Church of England celebrates the role of godparents everywhere on a special Sunday in the Spring. **This year it is (insert date).**

Your local church, or the church where your child was christened, may be holding a special service on that day. Contact your church to find out – if there is a Godparents' Sunday service, it could be a wonderful way to get together with your godparent or godchild.

If there's no church service being held nearby, or you can't make that service, here are some ideas to celebrate the special relationship of godparents at home:

- Together with your child, make cards for their godparents. It could be a simple 'thank you' card, or you can include a prayer (even something as simple as 'Loving God, bless my godmother/godfather today'), or include a special memory your child has of time with each godparent. You could stick in a photo, or your child could draw their memory.
- Ask your child's godparents to show them photos of the christening day and talk about how special it was for them. They can light your child's christening candle together and read a Bible story or say a prayer. (This can be done on the anniversary of the christening too.) This prayer may be suitable for a child:

*Dear God,
Thank you for my godparents.
Look after them and bless them.
Help me to be kind and loving to them,
And help us together to know more of You.
Amen.*

- Try this soft toy prayer idea: make sure your godparents have a soft toy and that your child has a similar soft toy. Whether you can be together or not, pick a time of day, perhaps just before bedtime. Tell the godparents and godchildren that as they hold the toy at the same time, they will be thinking and praying for each other right then.

You don't have to wait until Godparents' Sunday to do something special. Perhaps you can get together in the school holidays. If you're getting together before Easter, you might like to prepare something together. You could dye Easter eggs (hard-boil some white eggs, like duck eggs, and then dip them in a mixture of vinegar and food colouring), or make a tiny Easter Garden.

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