



Spring Term One

Nursery

Topic - The Holy Family

The children will explore and learn about:

- Mary, the mother of Jesus.
- Reflect on feelings of Mary and Joseph.
- Loss and finding of Jesus
- They will learn and appreciate that Jesus loves little children
- Think of ways to be kind and helpful to others.
- We will explore Lent and celebrate Easter time, making Easter bonnets and decorate eggs.
- We will read the parable of Good Samaritan.
- How to be a good Samaritan to others.

How to help at home: Give praise when they help others and show how you help others and how it makes people feel.

Reception

Topic - Getting to know Jesus

Throughout the topic, the children will be given opportunities to become aware that Jesus has a great love for each one of us and will think of ways in which we can show our love for Jesus. They will hear that Jesus cured people who were sick and think of ways we can show our love for sick people.

How to help at home: Encourage children to ask Jesus for help for themselves and others. Talk about how we can show love for Jesus.

Year 1

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Year 2

Topic - The Good News

In this unit the children will learn about the Holy family and reflect on Jesus being you like us.

They will find out how Jesus chose some helpers and think about what we can learn from Simon and Peter.

The children will learn about the story of the Ten Lepers and reflect upon why it is important to say thank you and about Jesus performing a miracle to feed the hungry crowd. On reflection we will think about ways that we can help others. Finally we will learn about the man Jesus cured who was paralysed and reflect on the great love Jesus has for all who are sick.

How to help at home: Using a children's bible share other stories where Jesus performed miracles.

Year 3

Topic - Sacrament of Reconciliation

The children will understand what it means to make wrong choices. They will reflect on how wrong choices affects us and other people. They will know how Jesus called people to turn away from sin. Think about why this is important. The children will understand that God always loves us. They will think of how important this love is for us. The children will know what the Sacrament of Reconciliation means. They will reflect on God's love and forgiveness. The children will know what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They will think about what this Sacrament does for us.

How to help at home: Encourage your child to make the right choices. Discuss the importance of saying sorry when you make the wrong choices. Talk about how our behaviour can affect others.

Year 4

Topic - Jesus the Teacher

We will learn about Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the Temple. We will reflect on what this means for us.

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Jesus' baptism means for us. We will reflect on how Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple. We will know that Jesus called people to follow him. That Jesus travelled around teaching people. We will reflect on the meaning of the parables.

How to help at home: Read different parables for example, "Parable of the Sower" - Matthew 13:3-8.

"Parable of the Weeds" - Matthew 13:24-30.

"Parable of the Mustard Seed" - Matthew 13:31-32.

Year 5

Topic - Inspirational People

The children will learn about the conditions for following Jesus and learn how Jesus described a true disciple. They will have a chance to reflect on their commitment to following Jesus. They will learn the story of a person who had a special love for those rejected by society and another about someone who was an inspiration for young people. They will identify people today who are an inspiration in their service of others. The children will also visit the chapel in school each week and take part in weekly prayer and worship in class with a different reflection focus each session to coincide with the liturgical calendar.

How to help at home: Talk to your child about the term 'inspirational' - what does it mean? Can they think of someone who inspires them? Why?

Year 6

Topic - Exploring the Mass

The children will learn that Jesus is the bread of life and think about what this means for them. They will understand that Jesus made a New Covenant with us and think about our part in this Covenant. The children will understand the Penitential Act and the Liturgy of the Word. They will understand what happens at the Offertory and think about the offerings they can make. The children will know what happens at the Consecration and reflect on what this means for them. They will know that it is Jesus we receive in Holy Communion. The children will understand that the Eucharist is the source and summit of life. They will know that Jesus is present in the blessed Sacrament.

How to help at home: Go to Mass at St Joseph's Church at the weekend on Sunday at 11:00 am.