



Spring Term Two

Nursery

Topic - Sorrow and Joy

The children will explore and learn about: How to be kind?

What can we do if we hurt someone?

The Easter Story - Did Jesus forgive the soldiers?

Thomas and Judas. Song: God's not dead

How to help at home: Re-tell Easter story at home. Explore different Easter traditions & talk about similarities & differences & your family celebration.

Reception

Topic - Joy and Sorrow

Children will learn that we are capable of hurting others and that we should always try to be kind to each other.

We will talk about the need to say sorry when we have hurt someone and that we can ask Jesus to help us to do this. We will learn that Jesus forgave those who hurt him and know that we too can forgive other people when they hurt us. We will talk about how we can ask Jesus to help us to be kind to others.

How to help at home: Encourage children to be kind to others, to say sorry when necessary and to forgive those who have hurt them.

Year 1

Topic - Follow Jesus

Following Jesus-Hear how Jesus chose some of the first disciples. Good Friday.

The children will hear how Jesus chose some of the first disciples (Luke 3. 5: 1- 11) and reflect on how we choose our friends. They will hear how Martha and Mary were friends of Jesus and think about how we can be his friends. They will listen to the story of Jesus and his followers going into Jerusalem and think of how we can praise Jesus. They will learn that Jesus died on Good Friday and know that God raised Jesus.

This term we will begin to observe the start of Lent leading up to Easter and think about how we can help those in need.

How to help at home: Talk to your child about friendships: How and why they choose their friends. Reflect on the sacrifice Jesus made for us on Good Friday. Encourage your child to give something up/ commit to helping others for Lent.

Year 2

Topic - The Mass

In this unit the children will learn about what happens at Mass and reflect upon why it is important for us. The children will find out what happens at the beginning of Mass and reflect on what we should do. They will learn about the importance of listening to the Readings and discuss on how these Readings can help us. We will learn about the Offertory where gifts are offered to God and think about some of the gifts that we can offer. We will find out about the Consecration and reflect upon how important this is for us and know that it is Jesus we receive in Holy Communion.

How to help at home: Encourage your child to practise and learn the words to the 'Our Father'.

Year 3

Topic - Celebrating the Mass

The children will know what happened at the Last Supper. They will reflect on how the Mass makes this real for us. The children will understand what happens at the beginning of Mass. They will think about what we say 'sorry'. The children will understand the importance of the reading at Mass. They will reflect on how we listen to God's Word. The children will know what happens at the offertory and the consecration. They will think about the offerings we can make. The children will know that it is Jesus we receive in Holy Communion. They will reflect on this very great gift.

How to help at home: Encourage your child to give something up/ commit to helping others for Lent.

Year 4

Topic - Jesus the Saviour

The children will know that Jesus is truly God. They will reflect on what this means for us. The children will know about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem. They will think about the importance of Holy Week for us. The children will understand what happened on Holy Thursday and reflect on how we can show our love for Jesus. The children will know what happened on Good Friday and reflect on the suffering of Jesus. They will begin to understand why Jesus died on a cross and think what this means for us. Year 4 will perform the Easter Passion play.

How to help at home: Encourage your child to give something up/ commit to helping others for Lent.

Year 5

Topic - Reconciliation

The children will learn that sin is a failure of love and learn that when we sin we hurt ourselves and others and damage our relationship with God. They will begin to understand that God loves and forgives us if we are truly sorry and learn that God heals our friendship with him and others through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They learn how we can prepare ourselves to receive this Sacrament and learn what happens during the Sacrament of Reconciliation. 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: Discuss relationship between actions and consequences with your child. Can they think of an example?

Year 6

Topic - Jesus the Messiah

The children will understand that Jesus is the Messiah. They will know about the final journey Jesus made to Jerusalem. The children will know about the events of Holy Thursday and reflect on the importance of these events for them. They will know about the crucifixion of Jesus and reflect on what it was like for Mary and the disciples. The children will reflect on the Holy Week.

How to help at home: Visit St. Joseph's Church during Holy Week to attend Stations of the Cross.