

OVERVIEW OF THE CLASSES 1 AND 2 CYCLE A SYLLABUS 2022-2023

1.1 God's Great Plan

Autumn - first half of term

Topics/Content

Story of Creation
The First People
God's World
Noah's Ark

"Creation is the first and universal revelation of God's love. As the action of Father, Son and Holy Spirit, creation is the first step towards the covenant relationship God seeks with every human being." [RECD in [Leeds Diocese](#)]. Children will appreciate that God created them because he loves them and that each person should thank God for the gifts of creation and help God look after the world.

Learning Outcomes

- Awareness of the beauty of God's world
- Explore and respond to the wonders of creation e.g. the seasons
- Knowledge and some understanding of the story of Creation from Genesis 1
- Knowledge of the story of Creation of man and woman from Genesis 2
- Know that God made us because He loves us but the first people, Adam and Eve, made some wrong choices.
- Think of how we can show our love for God.
- Understanding of choices that are good for the world and choices that are bad for the world
- Know they have a responsibility to look after the world
- Knowledge of the story of Noah & the Flood
- Know that the rainbow is important in the story of the Flood
- Think about its promise and hope.

1.2 Mary, Our Mother

Autumn - second half of term

Topics/Content

The Annunciation
Mary visits Elizabeth
Advent
The birth of Jesus
Visit of the Shepherds
Mary is our Mother

Children will develop an understanding of Mary and her role in the Incarnation. Children are introduced to the stories of the Nativity of Jesus in Luke's Gospel which are told from Mary's point of view. Children will learn about the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas and their respective rituals, signs and symbols.

Learning Outcomes

- Know that God sent the Angel Gabriel to ask Mary to be the Mother of Jesus
- Reflect on Mary's response
- Hear about Mary's visit to her cousin, Elizabeth.
- Reflect on their good news
- Know that angels are messengers from God
- Recognise some of the ways Christians and others prepare for the birth of Jesus
- Know the name of the liturgical season Advent & Christmas
- Recognise some signs and symbols of Advent and Christmas, e.g. wreath, nativity, tree, cards, candles, colour purple.
- Knowledge of the story of the Annunciation
- Knowledge of the story of the Birth of Jesus
- Recognise some details of the Visitation and visit of the shepherds
- Know that Catholics call Mary 'our mother' and reflect on ways Mary looks after us.
- Use religious words

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1.3 Families and Celebrations

Spring - first half of term

Topics/Content

Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
Jesus and His Family
Jesus in the Temple
Our Church Family
Sacrament of Baptism

"Foundations for love of neighbour, together with Christian values which promote respect for authority and citizenship, are laid in family life. The values of family life are a vital element in the social doctrine of the Church." p. 35 "The Church is the family of God, the People that God gathers in the whole world." p. 19 "In Baptism we are reborn as children of God in Christ and enlightened by the Holy Spirit." p. 24 [RECD in [Leeds Diocese](#)].

Learning Outcomes

- Reflect on what it means to be a member of a family
- Understand what it means to belong to God's family
- Know that God is our Father in heaven and think about why it is important
- Hear how Jesus' family took him to the Temple and think about why this was a special occasion
- Know that Jesus belonged to a family
- Think of things he may have done with his family
- Know about the loss and finding of Jesus
- Reflect on the feelings of Mary and Joseph when Jesus was lost and then found.
- Begin to understand what it means to belong to our Church family
- Know about some of the celebrations in a church and why we celebrate these occasions
- Know that we become a member of the Church by receiving the Sacrament of Baptism
- Talk about what happens when a baby is baptised

1.4 Following Jesus

Spring - second half of term

Topics/Content

Jesus chooses Disciples
Jesus teaches the Disciples to pray
The Good Samaritan
Jesus goes to Jerusalem
Good Friday

"From the beginning, Jesus associated his disciples with his own life, revealed the mystery of the Kingdom to them and gave them a share in his mission, joy and sufferings." (CCC 787)

Learning Outcomes

- Hear how Jesus chose some of the first disciples and consider how we choose friends
- *Know how Jesus taught his disciples to pray (Mt. 6)*
- *Reflect on how we pray*
- Hear the story of the Good Samaritan and reflect on the message it has for us as followers of Jesus
- Hear the story of Jesus and his followers going into Jerusalem and think of how we can show that we welcome Jesus
- Know that Jesus died on Good Friday and God raised him from the dead three days later and explore the hope this gives us

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1.5 The Resurrection

Summer - first half of term

Topics/Content

Easter
Jesus rose from the dead
Jesus appears to the Disciples
Jesus eats with the Disciples
Jesus and Thomas
Jesus returns to Heaven

"Christ's Resurrection was not a return to earthly life, as was the case with the raisings from the dead that he had performed before Easter: Jairus' daughter, the young man of Naim, Lazarus. These actions were miraculous events, but the persons miraculously raised returned by Jesus' power to ordinary earthly life. At some particular moment they would die again. Christ's Resurrection is essentially different. In his risen body he passes from the state of death to another life beyond time and space. At Jesus' Resurrection his body is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit: he shares the divine life in his glorious state, so that St. Paul can say that Christ is "the man of heaven". (CCC 646)

Learning Outcomes

- Know that we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus at Easter; reflect on how we do this and on what that means for us
- Know that Jesus appeared to the disciples in the Upper Room and think about the times when we have experienced great joy and surprise
- Know that Jesus helped the disciples to understand that he was truly risen and was with them and that this made them very happy
- Know that when Thomas heard that Jesus was alive he did not believe it. Be aware that sometimes, like Thomas, we don't understand what is happening
- Know that Jesus returned to heaven after forty days
- Reflect on the promises he made

1.6 The First Christians

Summer - second half of term

Topics/Content

Helping others
Cure of the Paralysed Man
Cure of the Blind Man
The Wedding at Cana

"The signs worked by Jesus attest that the Father has sent him. They invite belief in him. To those who turn to him in faith, he grants what they ask. So miracles strengthen faith in the One who does his Father's works; they bear witness that he is the Son of God." (CCC 548)

Learning Outcomes

- Know that Jesus showed his great power when he calmed the wind and the waves and know that we can ask Jesus to help us when we are afraid
- Explore the motives for actions and how compassion motivates many people to act for the good of others
- Know that Jesus showed his love for sick people when he cured a man who was paralysed
- Understand that Jesus has great love for all people who are sick today
- Know that Jesus responded to the faith of the blind man with compassion and think of ways that we can trust Jesus in situations of need
- *Hear how Jesus performed his first miracle at the request of his Mother*
- *Think about Jesus helping the guests at the wedding at Cana.*