

# OVERVIEW OF CLASSES 3 AND 4 CYCLE A SYLLABUS

## 4.1 The Bible

Autumn - first half of term

### Topics/Content

What is the Bible?  
God calls Abraham  
Joseph  
God calls Moses  
David is chosen by God  
God speaks to us in the Bible

“God is the author of Sacred Scripture. ‘The divinely revealed realities, which are contained and presented in the text of Sacred Scripture, have been written down under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit’” (CCC 105)

### Learning Outcomes

- Know that the Bible is one story told through many different books
- *Know that the Bible is an account of God's relationship with His people*
- Know that the Bible is a living book through which God speaks to us and explore how the Bible helps us
- Know how to find a Bible reference
- Know the stories of the Bible, including Abraham, Moses, David, Joseph and Jonah
- *Think about the challenges and blessings Abraham experienced*
- *Reflect on what we can learn from Moses' experience*
- *Reflect on David's trust in God*
- Know that the Bible is a story of God's love and concern for us
- Know what God is telling us about himself in the Bible and reflect on some things God tells us

## 4.2 Trust in God

Autumn - second half of term

### Topics/Content

Learning to Trust  
Zechariah  
Mary trusts in God  
Joseph trusts in God  
God fulfils His Promise  
Mystery of the Trinity  
Mystery of the Incarnation

The Christmas mystery Jesus was born in a humble stable, into a poor family. Simple shepherds were the first witnesses to this event. In this poverty, heaven's glory manifested. The Church never tires of singing the glory of this night. The angels and shepherds praise him and the magi advance with the star, for you are born for us, little Child, God eternal! (CCC 525).

### Learning Outcomes

- Understand the importance of trusting in God and Jesus' teaching on the importance of trusting him
- Know that it is not always easy to trust in God
- Reflect on times we have found it difficult to trust
- Know the story of Zechariah
- *Reflect on how Zechariah had to trust in God*
- Know that Mary trusted in God and the promise God made to Mary at the Annunciation
- Know how Joseph put his trust in God when the angel appeared to him
- Reflect on how Mary and Joseph placed all their trust in God
- Know that God fulfilled his promise to Mary when Jesus, the Son of God, was born; reflect on the importance of keeping promises
- *Know why God sent Jesus to earth; reflect on who Jesus is for us*

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## 4.3 Jesus, the Teacher

Spring - first half of term

### Topics/Content

The presentation in the Temple

Jesus in the Temple

The Baptism of Jesus

Disciples of Jesus

The Teaching of Jesus

The Parables

"The Gospels are the heart of all the Scriptures because they are our principal source for the life and teaching of the Incarnate Word, our Saviour" (CCC 125). "The Beatitudes respond to the natural desire for happiness. This desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart in order to draw man to the One who alone can fulfil it" (CCC 1718).

### Learning Outcomes

Know that Jesus was born a Jew

Know the story of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Reflect on how Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the Temple

Know that Jesus attended synagogue as a child and as an adult and read the Torah

Know the story of Jesus' Baptism and reflect on what this means for us

Know that Jesus called people to follow him

Know that Jesus travelled around teaching people about God and His kingdom

Understand why Jesus used parables to teach people

Know and understand some of the parables Jesus told

Appreciate the relevance of the parables for us today

Know that Jesus came to show us the way to live. (The Beatitudes)

Think of ways in which we can be true followers of Jesus.

## 4.4 Jesus, the Saviour

Spring - second half of term

### Topics/Content

Jesus, truly human & truly God

Holy Week - Jesus enters Jerusalem

Holy Thursday

Good Friday

Death on a Cross - Why?

The Resurrection of Jesus

"Jesus Christ is true God and true man, in the unity of his divine person; for this reason he is the one and only mediator between God and man" (CCC 480). "The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the centre of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God's saving plan was accomplished 'once and for all' by the redemptive death of His Son Jesus Christ" (CCC 571).

### Learning Outcomes

Know that Jesus called people to change and turn away from sin to receive the love of God and think about why this is important

Understand what it means to make wrong choices and reflect on how wrong choices affect us and other people

Know Jesus' teaching on sorrow and forgiveness

Know that it is not always easy to change and turn away from sin

Know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of God's love and forgiveness

Know and understand an Act of Sorrow

Know that Lent is a time to change and that Ash Wednesday is the beginning of Lent

Reflect on how Jesus calls us to change

Identify ways we can change this Lent and make Lenten promises

Understand what it means to say we are sorry

Deepen awareness of how forgiveness makes a person whole again.

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## 4.5 The Mission of the Church / The Early Christians

Summer - first half of term

### Topics/Content

Jesus appears to the disciples  
The Ascension  
Pentecost  
Stephen and Saul  
Paul and Silas  
The cost of Discipleship  
The Teaching of the Apostles

“On the day of Pentecost when the seven weeks of Easter had come to an end, Christ’s Passover is fulfilled in the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, manifested, given and communicated as a divine person: of his fullness, Christ, the Lord, pours out the Spirit in abundance.” (CCC 731)

### Learning Outcomes

- Know that Peter was chosen by Jesus to lead the disciples (become the Head of the Church) in the mission to spread the Good News
- Know that the Church began at Pentecost when Jesus sent his Holy Spirit to help his disciples
- Know how St Peter and St Stephen helped to spread the Good News by their lives and deaths
- *Reflect on how God brings good out of evil*
- Know how Saul became Paul and worked to spread the Good News
- *Know about the challenges of being an apostle*
- *Know about Paul’s missionary journeys, including his faith and courage*
- *Know some of the teachings of the apostle*
- *Reflect on how this teaching helps us today*

## 4.6 Belong to the Church

Summer - second half of term

### Topics/Content

What is the Church?  
The Sacraments  
The Church’s Year  
The Communion of Saints  
The Mission of the Church  
Mary, Mother of the Church

“The Church is the family of God, the People that God gathers in the whole world. The Church is the communion of Christ’s disciples, brought together in Christ its Head by the Holy Spirit. It is the Body of Christ, the Temple of the Spirit. As the People of God, the Church is drawn into Christ’s praise of the Father and Christ’s mission in the world” (CCC 751-757 abridged)

### Learning Outcomes

- Understand that the Church is a family and that we belong to the Church community
- Know that there are different types of communities
- Understand that the Church is 'good news' for people and be aware that this is good news for us
- Know that we join the Church when we are baptised
- Know about the different seasons/ celebrations in the Church's year and know why these times are important for us
- Know about the Communion of Saints and the Holy Souls and how they can help us
- To know about God's call to individuals and to reflect on their responses.
- Deepen our understanding of Mary and how she helps us