

# Early Years Religious Education

| Early Years R.E Curriculum                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
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|                                                                                                 | Creation and Covenant                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Prophecy and Promise                                                                                                                                  | From Galilee to Jerusalem                                                                                                                                                                                              | From Desert to Garden                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | To the Ends of the Earth                                                                                   | Dialogue and Encounter                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Hear</b><br><br>The children will hear the stories from the following passages in the Bible: | The words and actions of the Sign of the Cross.<br><br>God created the world and said, 'Indeed it is very good'. (Genesis 1:31)<br><br>The whole of creation shows God's love for us. (Laudato Si' 84-88)                                                                                                                                                                                              | The Annunciation (Lk 1:26-31, 38) The Nativity (Lk 2:4-7)<br><br>The Shepherds visit the manger (Lk 2:28-30)                                          | The Visit of the Magi (Matt 2:1-12)<br><br>Jesus blesses the little children (Mk 10:13-16)<br><br>Feeding of 5000 (Jn 6:1-14)                                                                                          | A simplified version of key events of Holy Week especially Good Friday and Easter Sunday (to recognise key events).<br><br>The great commandment (Lk 10:25-28)                                                                                                    | Story of Pentecost (simple telling).<br><br>The early Christian community (Acts 2:42-47)                   | <b>DIALOGUE</b><br><br>Friends of Jesus: Hear a simple life of St Peter and St Paul, friends of Jesus (link to St Charles' Feast Day)<br><br>Ask a local parishioner to talk about their faith and why it matters to them to be a friend of Jesus.<br><br>Explore a range of pictures of Jesus from a non-European tradition |
| <b>Believe</b><br><br>The children will hear stories and prayer to reinforce Catholic Beliefs   | God is love.<br><br>God made each one of us.<br><br>God loves each one of us as a unique person.<br><br>God made a wonderful world and what God creates is good.<br><br>God loves us and we are part of a family.<br><br>God made: the earth and sky, all the people all over the world, all the animals and plants, the air, the ground and the water.<br><br>God tells us we must take care of them. | Mary was chosen by God to give birth to his son. Jesus was born in a stable and laid in a manger.<br><br>Shepherds, were told by angels to visit him. | The Magi visited Jesus with gifts. Jesus is God's son and came for everyone. Jesus' birth is celebrated at Christmas.<br><br>Jesus came to show God's love and welcomes everyone.<br><br>Jesus takes care of everyone. | Listen and talk about the season of Lent and Easter.<br><br>Jesus died on Good Friday and rose again on Easter Sunday.<br><br>Easter is a celebration that Jesus is with us still. Easter celebrates new life.<br><br>Simple religious symbols in Lent and Easter | Coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The Good News of Jesus lived out by the early Christian community. | <b>ENCOUNTER</b><br><br>Talk with a local or school community member about their local (faith) community and what it means to them Encounter music, food, smells, tastes and clothing to enrich experiences.                                                                                                                 |

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| <p><b>Celebrate</b></p> <p>By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:</p> | <p>Celebrate God's beautiful world.</p> <p>The words and actions of the sign of the cross.</p> <p>We enter God's family, the Church, through Baptism</p>                                             | <p>The tradition of the crib to tell the story of Jesus' birth.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <p>That the Church prays the 'Glory Be' as a response to the coming of Jesus.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | <p>The Church uses purple and ashes as signs of Lent and being sorry.</p> <p>Representations of Holy Week and Easter: palms, the cross, Easter gardens and symbols of new life</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <p>Pentecost is a special celebration in the Church.</p> <p>Sunday is a special day for the Church to celebrate.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |  |
| <p><b>Live</b></p> <p>By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:</p>      | <p>Care and love for self, family, others and God's world.</p> <p>God made each of us, so each one of us is very special.</p> <p>We must treat others in a caring way because God made them too.</p> | <p>Various cultures celebrate Jesus' birthday in different ways.</p> <p>By our work in Advent, we help others and ourselves and we show our love to God.</p> <p>All people work in some way.</p> <p>Everyone should be able to work safely so that it helps them because God loves them.</p> | <p>We welcome and show love to everyone in our words and actions as Jesus does.</p> <p>We are called to help the poor and hungry.</p> <p>You need food, water, a house, your school, a good doctor and a job for the person who takes care of you.</p> <p>So does everyone else on the whole Earth. But many people do not have these things.</p> <p>Jesus wants us to take extra care of these people.</p> | <p>Various cultures celebrate Lent and Easter in different ways, eg pancakes, hot cross buns, Easter eggs.</p> <p>Trying to help others by what we do in Lent – Raasa Parade (Kerala) and other Lent customs around the world.</p> <p>Every single person on Earth needs these things: food, water, work, clothes, a home, a school and a doctor.</p> <p>Some people have what they need but many people don't. Jesus wants the people who already have what they need to help these others. Jesus wants us to take care of this.</p> | <p>The parish church and the parish family meet there to celebrate.</p> <p>Catholic Social Teaching Jesus knows that people can be happy with families and friends.</p> <p>He tells us that we can let these important people help us.</p> <p>He asks us to help them too. We need each other.</p> <p>We Are Called to Live as Family and Community All people are God's children. That makes us brothers and sisters.</p> <p>We are connected to each other. It is as if everyone in the world held hands!</p> <p>We can be very different from one another but we are still one family – God's family.</p> |  |