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Overarching Year 3 Theme: How do we show we belong in the community?

Focus 1: How is God's relationship with people revealed in the stories of the Old Testament?

Children look at how people make sense of and communicate their understanding of God? God is imaged many ways in the stories of the Old Testament, such as God as a potter, mother and creator and we hear these ideas of God in the psalms. Students look at the special relationship between the Jewish people and God as seen in the Torah through the stories of people such as Moses and Jacob.

Mandated scripture: Isaiah 49: 15 - 16, God's promise to Jacob - Genesis 28:10 - 22, Psalm 23 and 28

Supplementary scripture: Moses and the Exodus

Focus 2: How do we experience God in the created world? Children investigate God's presence and action in daily life through an experience of the created world. They identify the diversity of God's created world, the order and harmony of creation and the relationships that exist in the created world. They look at prayers of praise and thanksgiving and the psalms.

Mandated Scripture: I will never forget you: Isaiah 49:15 - 16

Supplementary Scripture God as parent: Hosea 11:1 - 4, God as potter: Isaiah 64:8

Focus 3: How can we live a 'good' life? Children look at what scripture says about making good decisions? Students explore the Decalogue and identify the audience and purpose of the Beatitudes. They make connections between the messages of the Decalogue and Jesus' teachings in the Beatitudes and look at how the scriptures can be used as a guide for making decisions. Students explore how this message of Jesus, to respect people and take responsibility for our actions, is reflected in the work of the Church and school e.g. social justice projects like Caritas and St Vincent de Paul.

Mandated Scripture: The Beatitudes, Jesus' Mission - Luke 4: 16 - 21

Supplementary: Decalogue

Focus 4: How is the life and message of Jesus remembered in the Sacraments of the Church? The Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation remember key stories in the life of Jesus e.g. Jesus' baptism, the Last Supper and Pentecost. Students explore the sights, sounds and actions of the Sacraments of Initiation. Through the Sacraments of Initiation people are welcomed and strengthened in the Church community. Children look at the members of the Parish and the Diocese who support the Sacraments in the local Church community.

Connections to Scripture: Jesus' baptism in the Jordan, the stories of Pentecost and the Last Supper

Focus 5: How is the story of Jesus' birth remembered in the Church? Students explore where the stories of Jesus' birth are shared in the Gospels – Luke and Matthew. They compare and contrast the two accounts of Jesus' birth and locate information about the cultural context in which the infancy narratives in Luke and Matthew were written e.g. the audience and the world behind the text. Students look at the features of the infancy narrative as a text type used in the New Testament. They use the information gathered from the world behind the text and the world of the text to explore the concept of Jesus as Messiah in the infancy narratives and the beliefs of the Church today.

Mandated Scripture: Matthew 1: 17 - 2:12

Ongoing: Meditative prayer