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Overarching Year 5 Theme: How do believers share and strengthen faith in the community?

Focus 1: How do people live the experience of their faith week to week? Faith is shared and strengthened in communities of believers, past and present. Students look at the significance of personal and communal prayer and worship, including Eucharist, Psalms and Sabbath rituals and prayers. Children explore the psalms of the Old Testament which are a model for personal and communal prayer and they look at the three main forms of psalms.

Mandated Scripture: The Shema

Supplementary: Psalms

Focus 2: How can the Holy Spirit move my world? The action of the Holy Spirit is described in scripture using a variety of titles. The Sacrament of Confirmation remembers the action of the Holy Spirit – words, symbols and actions. Students look at the gifts and fruits of the Spirit and the action of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers.

Mandated scripture: Story of Pentecost, Fruits of the Spirits, Spirit of God

Focus 3: Gospel writers shaped their Gospels for particular communities. The contexts of the Gospel writers shaped their Gospels. Students explore the three worlds of the texts in the infancy narratives and other New Testament texts e.g. passion narratives. They identify features of Gospel texts that provide evidence of how the writers have shaped their Gospels for particular communities.

Mandated scripture: Matthew and Luke's infancy narratives

Focus 4: Wisdom of the Saints – Mary MacKillop (in particular). Children locate and record information about the contribution of pioneering Catholics in Australia to the preservation of faith and the shaping of particular communities, including Indigenous communities.

Focus 5: Believers live according to Jesus' new commandment of charity (love) and make and act upon informed moral choices. Students look at the formation of conscience with the Decalogue and Beatitudes as guiding scriptures. They develop and explain a personal choice or action that demonstrates how Jesus' teaching can apply to the world today e.g. linked to school and classroom rules or actions in the local community.

Mandated texts: This is my commandment, Decalogue and Beatitudes

Focus 6: Mary mother of Jesus and Mary mother of the Church; Students explore the Marian prayers, rosary, Litanies, the story of Mary in scripture and Mary's role in the Church community.

Mandated text: Infancy narratives

Ongoing: Meditative prayer