



Religious Education Curriculum Focus Areas PREP

During the year the students will engage in the following units of work. Class teachers will advise which units are being covered in the Term Overview, distributed at the start of each term.

In Prep

Year Level Description

Students learn about some Old Testament and New Testament stories that tell of a God of love, the creator of all, the goodness of God's creation, God's special relationship with all of creation and God's plan that people help each other to live safely and happily together, for the good of all.

Students listen to, read and view stories of and about Jesus in the Gospels that tell of Jesus' life as a Jew, his mother Mary, his friends and family; of Jesus praying and teaching others to pray; of his teachings about love, compassion and forgiveness that challenged people about the way they were living; and of his suffering, death and resurrection. They learn that Christians believe God created people with the freedom to choose between good and bad, right and wrong. They explore examples of times, from familiar texts and their personal experience, when people make these choices.

Students understand that prayer helps believers follow the teachings of Jesus; to live according to God's plan. They learn about ways in which believers pray, either alone or with others, including the Sign of the Cross and Amen. They observe ways in which believers pray together during special celebrations and rituals that mark important times in the life of believers and in the Church year. They learn about the Church building as a sacred place for believers and the Bible as a sacred book for believers.

How do we Celebrate Our Stories?

Living in our school and classroom community together.

How do we live in our school community? What is our school community like? What do we do together in our classroom? In our school? Rules, covenants, prayer (sign of the cross), Church building, celebrations and rituals.

Messages about God in the Old Testament

What are the stories that we share in our school community? We are a Catholic school so we share stories from the Bible. The stories in the Bible tell us what God is like. Students explore the stories of Joseph and David in the Old Testament and share how these stories of family help us know what God was like then and is like for me today.

Easter and the Season of Lent

Introduce students to the story of Easter and the liturgical season of Lent.

Making good choices just like Jesus wants us to.

What do the stories of the Bible tell us about making good choices? Students explore Jesus' message of love, compassion and forgiveness through the story of the Good Samaritan. How do we make good choices in our lives? Students explore the idea that God created people with freedom to choose right or wrong. Students engage in the story of the Ten Lepers.

The Creation story

Students explore how the world was created. If Creation was at the beginning, where would we find that story in the Bible? Students explore the story of Creation in Genesis 1 and engage in literacy activities and drama activities. Students can make connection to how Jewish people remember the story today through Shabbat.

Celebrating the Birth of Jesus

How is the birth of Jesus remembered in the Church? Students explore the infancy narratives through comparing and contrasting the accounts in Matthew and Luke. Liturgical year – season of Advent.

Achievement Standard

By the end of Prep

Students communicate clearly their ideas, feelings and thoughts about God, the goodness of God's creation and God's plan that people help each other to live safely and happily together, for the good of all. They identify connections between some Old Testament stories and their personal experience, including the experience of the goodness of creation. They listen and respond to stories of and about Jesus in the Gospels that tell of Jesus' life as a Jew, his mother Mary, his friends and family; of Jesus praying and teaching others to pray; and of his suffering, death and resurrection. They recognise Jesus' teachings about love, compassion and forgiveness that challenged people about the way they were living. They relate examples of people having the freedom to choose between good and bad, right and wrong.

Students understand that prayer helps believers to follow the teachings of Jesus; to live according to God's plan. They recognise ways in which believers pray either alone or with others, using word, music, action, silence, images, symbols and nature, and participate with respect in a variety of these prayer experiences, including meditative prayer, the Sign of the Cross, and Amen. They describe ways in which believers pray together during special celebrations and rituals that mark important times in the life of believers and in the Church year.