



This term, the focus virtues are
“Compassionate and Loving” and
“Faith-filled and Hopeful.”

The God who Speaks – The Year of the Word

Spring 1: “Here is the light you will reveal to the nations.” Luke 2: 32

Spring 2: “I am the handmaid of the Lord,
let it be done to me as you have said.” Luke 1:38

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Spring Term

Year 4



“Let us protect with love all that God has given us.”

The R.E. topics for this term are:

Jesus: Light of the world and beloved Son

- In this topic we will study important stories about the life of Jesus – his Baptism, Presentation and Transfiguration. The children will understand that at these events Christ is revealed as the Light of the World and the Beloved Son of God.
- The children will learn about some of the signs and symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism and their association with belonging to the family of God.

Old Testament: Moses – King David

- The children will be taught that God chose Moses and David for special tasks. They will recognise that God protected his people. They will be introduced to important religious themes such as prayer and vocation which arise from this study.
- They will understand that through the anointing with the Oil of Chrism in the Sacraments, Christians celebrate and respond to God's call in their lives today

Lent: Living as followers of Jesus today

- The children will explore some of the customs and practices associated with the celebration of the Season of Lent. Through the life and teaching of Christ they will learn about prayer, fasting and almsgiving and the forgiveness and mercy that God offers to those who believe in him.
- They will know that the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a celebration of the gift of forgiveness from God.

Holy Week

- They will be provided with an opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of the story of Christ's passion and death.
- They will be given the opportunity to reflect upon the circumstances and reasons for Jesus' death.

You could:

- *Share memories and photos of your child's baptism, light their baptismal or another candle and then recite the **Apostles Creed**, which repeats the basic beliefs of our faith:*

I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he arose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and life everlasting. Amen.

- *You could look at special books you treasure or are special to you or your family. Make a special place for the Bible in your home and read a passage from it daily with your child or as a family.*
- *Help your child to think of ways to be more like Jesus during Lent.*
- *As a family, take part in Family Fast Day.*
- *Walk round the Stations of the Cross at Church with your child and stop and pray at some of them.*