



This term, the focus virtues are:
“Curious & Active” and
“Intentional & Prophetic.”

**2020-2021 The God Who Speaks:
The Year of the Word.**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

September, October,
November and December

Early Years Foundation Stage



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

The RE topics are:

- **Creation – God’s Gifts**

This topic helps the children to develop the idea of creation to include the children’s gifts and talents as God given and to know that the Bible is God’s book.

They will use pictures to recall parts of the story of creation. They will be helped to recognise gifts they have which are God given. They will be taught that the creation story comes from the Bible which is God’s book. Prayers linked to creation will include some used by other faiths.

Explore with your child their individual gifts and how they can use these gifts they have been given. Share with the children pictures of zebras, cows, giraffes and snakes – did you know that not one of these animals EVER has the same pattern?

- **People who care for us**

This topic explores family relationships within the context of caring for one another. Importance is placed upon the value of celebration. This is further developed by hearing about times of celebration Jesus shared with his family and friends.

They think about how families try to show love and care for each other and that Jesus’ family included Mary and Joseph. They will be taught the story of the Wedding Feast at Cana.

You could help your child by talking to them or looking at photos of activities you have done together as a family. During certain times of daily life, encourage the children to think about who is caring for them, and how.

- **Advent**

We will be developing the children’s awareness of the joyful liturgical season of Advent as a time of waiting and preparation for the celebration of the birth of Jesus and his coming again. They will be helped to see how they can prepare for the birth of Jesus.

You could make an Advent Wreath at home. During each evening, spend some reflective time thinking how the children could prepare for Jesus’ birth and reflect on their Advent promises.

- **Christmas**

The children’s knowledge and understanding of Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Jesus will be developed through the stories of the Annunciation, Joseph’s dream, the journey to Bethlehem, Jesus’ birth in the stable and the visit of the Wise Men. They will be taught that the birth of Jesus was a very important event in the lives of the characters in the story and continues to be important today for Christians.

You could make or prepare a crib as the focal point in your house ready for your child to put Jesus into the manger on Christmas Eve or Day. Encourage your child to think about how Mary and Joseph felt during this special time; explore the different emotions at certain parts of the story – e.g Did Mary always feel happy in this story? How would Joseph have felt having to take Mary and Baby Jesus a long way into Egypt?