



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

Year 2



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

The RE Topics for this term are:

- **Old Testament Stories and Prayers**

The children will be given some insight into the stories and the characters of the Old Testament. It will also introduce them to important images of God found in the scriptures. They will be taught that there are two parts to the Bible and hear some of the stories about different people in the Old Testament who were called into friendship with God and they will recognise that psalms are special songs to praise and thank God. They will begin to understand that in the Old Testament we can discover some important images of God for Christians today.

At home you could ask your child to recall one of the Bible Stories heard in class. You could help your child recall the story in the right sequence and then draw pictures to illustrate the story.

- **Sharing the Life of Jesus**

Through this topic the children are helped to extend their knowledge and understanding of the life of Mary and Jesus and the call of the disciples. They will also learn about some saints who have responded to the call of Jesus. They will also be introduced to the prayer of silence as an opportunity to spend time with God.

You could read and reflect on the Sunday readings with your child together.

Advent

The children's knowledge of the time, symbols and characters of the liturgical Season of Advent will be developed. We will focus on Advent being a season of preparation for Christmas through the story of John the Baptist and parish activities.

Also they will find out about how people in other parts of the world celebrate Advent and prepare for Christmas.

You could create or collect from Church an Advent calendar with something special to do each day, in order to prepare a way for the arrival of Jesus at Christmas.

- **Christmas**

The children will be helped to reflect upon the journeys associated with the Christmas story and what these journeys eventually tell us about Jesus' birth and the way people respond to his birth. They will be encouraged to think about some of the difficulties faced by Mary and Joseph and why their journeys to Bethlehem and Egypt were necessary.

You could help your child to sequence the story of Christmas from the annunciation to the flight into Egypt. The children could trace the journey of Mary and Joseph on a map.

