



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 3



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

The RE topics for this term are:

Belonging – We gather as God’s Family

The children will explore the different groups to which they belong. Through the theme of belonging they will study the Sacrament of Baptism as a Sacrament of Belonging to the Church. They will also learn how Catholics celebrate their belonging to the Family of God through the Celebration of Mass.

Also the children will have an introduction to some of the initiation rites in other world religions.

You could help your child make a book about your family or their baptism.

Reconciliation

In this topic the children will learn about human choices, the consequences of sin, Christ’s teaching on forgiveness and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The children will be aware of ways in which our faith can be developed.

Each evening, you can help your child reflect on the day. What was good about it? What you can thank God for? How you have followed Jesus today? What could be improved on tomorrow?

Advent

The focus for the teaching of Advent this year will involve looking at Bible stories of the Annunciation and Visitation. They will explain how Mary and Elizabeth prepared to welcome Jesus. They will develop their understanding of Advent as a time to prepare to welcome and recognise the presence of Christ at the celebration of Christmas. The children will reflect upon the symbols used in the Jesse Tree.

The children will be given the opportunity to identify festivals in other world religions and how they prepare for them.

You could make an Advent Chain by making a large golden star to hang the chain from and then add one paper strip each day. You could write e.g. a sentence to build up the story of the Nativity. The children could make their own Jesse Tree symbols.

Christmas

The children will use the story of the shepherds as a focus for reflection on the birth of Jesus and who he is.

You could help your child to think about what they have been told about the birth of Jesus. You could explain that each time we go to Church, we, like the shepherds, are visiting Jesus in a special way. Encourage your child to send Christmas cards with a picture of the nativity. Make a crib the focal point of your decorations. Make a poster to put in your window to remind others of why we celebrate Christmas.