



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 4



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

The RE topics for this term are:

- **Old Testament Creation and the story of Abraham to Joseph**

The children will understand that the Bible is a source of knowledge about what God is like. They will know about creation from the Book of Genesis. The children will study some important stories about Abraham and God's relationship with the people of Israel. They will know the story of Joseph and his brothers. They will be introduced to some images of God associated with these stories and also some important religious themes such as prayer and vocation which arise from this study.

They will be encouraged to:

- understand that God chose and called Abraham for special tasks
- recognise that God protected his people

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. The children could explore what God is asking them to do with their lives.

- **Jesus teaches how to pray**

In this topic the children will learn about the prayer life of Jesus as he grew up in the Jewish faith and was a Jewish Rabbi. The children will be introduced to some prayers from the Old Testament and they will consider the importance Jesus attached to prayer. The children will study the Our Father, the prayer of the Rosary and some other forms of prayer.

Read and pray some of the psalms with your child.

- **Advent**

The focus for the teaching of Advent this year will be about the ancestors of Jesus and that he was descended from the House of David. Through this work the children will be able to place the story of the first coming of Jesus into an historical context. They will be aware of the messages of the Old Testament prophets.

You could look through a Bible and find some of the ancestors of Jesus. Their names or a symbol or a drawing of them could be made on a circle, decorated and then hung on a small branch from a tree. It could be placed near your family crib at Christmas.

- **Christmas**

The children will study the role of angels in the story of Christmas. They will learn about Christians being messengers of Christ's Good News in the world today and how the Church celebrates the Feast of Christmas. They will consider ways in which Christians today are heralds of the message of Christ. They will be taught about some of the Church's customs for celebrating the birth of Christ and they will be able to sequence events in the Christmas story.

You could help your child to think about how they could be a herald of the message of Jesus at Christmas e.g by sending Christmas cards with a picture of the nativity, making a crib the focal point of your decorations, or by making a poster to put in your window to remind others of why we celebrate Christmas.