

Guardian Angels Catholic Primary School



Overview of Religion Units of Work

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Jesus Prays with His Family and Friends

Students engage with stories from the New Testament and learn about Jesus' life as a Jew, his family and friends. They also explore how Jesus prayed and wanted others to pray. Students engage with different ways to pray, whether that be alone or with others.

Jesus' Died and Rose to New Life

Students listen and respond to stories about Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection. They participate in a guided visit of the Stations of the Cross. Students recognise that Easter is an important time in the Catholic Church and how this time is celebrated.

And Jesus Taught...

Students listen to and explore stories in which Jesus tells us how he wants us to live in our world. They learn about love, compassion and forgiveness through New Testament stories.

And God Said...

Students explore connections between some Old Testament stories and their personal experiences. They engage with the goodness of the Creation Story and identify God as the creator of all.

Celebrating with God's Family

Students learn about important times in the lives of believers and how people pray together during special celebrations and rituals. They are exposed to the story of Jesus' birth and explore different ways this event is celebrated in the lives of believers.



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Year 1

Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist

Students identify words, actions and symbols in the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist and consider how God's presence is revealed during these special celebrations. They learn about the importance of being thankful to God through participating in Grace.

Mary, Mother of Jesus and the Church

Students explore what Jewish life was like in the time of Jesus. They recognise ways in which Catholics honour Mary, Jesus' mother. Through exploration of the *Hail Mary*, students learn about and participate in meditative prayer.

God's Plan for Creation

Students explore God's plan for creation and the responsibility that believers have to live in accordance with that plan. There is an explicit focus on the Christian belief that God is the creator and sustainer of life.

Jesus' Mission and Ministry

Students examine the nature of Jesus' life through an exploration of Gospel stories, places in the Bible and other people in his life. They hear about Jesus' healing ministry and his mission to bring a message of love to the world.



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Year 2

God's Covenant...An Invitation to Love

Students learn about the two parts of the Bible. They explore Old Testament stories that will help them recognise God's love for the Jewish people. They consider Jesus' Greatest Commandment to love God and one another in the New Testament.

Stories of Jesus...What do they tell us?

Students examine a variety of texts from the New Testament that tell about the teachings and actions of Jesus and discuss how these help members of the Church community live today. They use the knowledge gained from scripture to answer questions they have about Jesus' life and times.

Jesus' Message of Forgiveness

Students explore the choices they make that may harm an individual and their loving relationship with God, others and creation. They learn about ways to heal these relationships through reconciliation and how people nurture their relationship with God through celebrating the Sacrament of Penance.

Love One Another

Students make connections between the teachings and actions of Jesus and the way members of the Church community live today. They consider how they can contribute to a more peaceful and just world in which all of creation, including human life, is respected.



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Year 3

Sacraments of Initiation

Students learn about the significance of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist in welcoming and strengthening members of the Church community. While continuing to develop their understanding of community, students explore the key features of the local parish and diocese.

Living the Good Life

Students identify the connection between The Ten Commandments and Jesus' teaching in the Beatitudes. Students investigate important qualities that will help them to look after others in everyday life.

Images of God

Students explore God's relationship with the Jewish people by investigating various images of God in Old Testament scripture. They examine the textual features of the Psalms and create a prayer of praise or thanksgiving using the 'You Who Do Through' prayer structure.

Harmony of God's Creation

Students identify the diversity of God's created world, explore some of the relationships that exist in the world, and communicate an understanding of the order and harmony in God's creation. Students participate respectively in a variety of prayer experiences, including meditative prayer and praying the Glory Be.

The Good News

Students investigate the cultural contexts in which the Gospels were written as well as the text types used by the authors of the New Testament. They discuss their ideas about Jesus' life and teaching and demonstrate an understanding that Christians believe that Jesus is the Messiah.



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Community...What's it all about?

Students explore the significance of community for Christians. They use the scriptural texts, including the Decalogue, letters written by St Paul and sections from the Acts of the Apostles, to connect ideas about living in community.

God as Trinity

Students explore the Christian belief that God, as the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, is connected to all.

Ancient Voices

Students examine Old Testament scripture, especially in relation to caring for all of creation, and learn how to find information and stories about people, places and events by using the Bible's referencing system.

First Century Palestine

Students explore a variety of books and text types in the New Testament and connect ideas about living in community, with a particular focus on the experiences of Jewish communities in first century Palestine.

Jesus' Healing Ministry

Students explore Jesus' healing ministry and use this information to make connections between the practices of Church communities and his teachings and actions. They examine the significance of prayers of blessing, petition and intercession and use these as a model to develop their own prayers.

The Australian Church

Students explore early Australian Church communities as well as contemporary Church communities to further investigate the relational nature of God and how people become fully human through the experience of community.



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Year 5

Jesus' Commandment of Love

Students examine the Ten Commandments, Jesus' new commandment and The Beatitudes as they build their understanding of Christian morality. Each class develops their own class covenant that reflects the shared values and beliefs of our school community.

Come, Holy Spirit

Students learn about the Holy Spirit by analysing scripture and examining the fruits of the Spirit to explain the action of the Holy Spirit in the lives of believers. They investigate how the faith of communities is shared and strengthened through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Communities of Believers

Students explore the faith of Jewish communities and the importance of worship in strengthening their relationship with God. They investigate the challenges for Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop as a pioneering Catholic who made significant contributions to early Australian Catholic communities and consider how her wisdom gave strength to believers and continues to do so today. They examine how the faith of communities is shared and strengthened through the celebration of Eucharist.

Mary...Mother of Jesus and First Disciple

Students examine Mary's role as mother of Jesus and mother of the Church. They explore how Gospel writers shaped their writing for particular communities. They analyse the elements and features of some Marian prayers to describe the role of Marian prayer in the lives of believers past and present.



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Year 6

Just Leadership

Students engage with both Old and New Testament scripture to develop an understanding of 'just leadership'. They investigate the concept of just leadership from the perspective of Catholic Social Teaching and Jesus' "New Law". They explore the many ways in which faith is lived out by believers to shape a socially just world and experience and explain the significance of prayer journaling as a tool for evaluating their own contributions to building a just world.

Images of Jesus

Students analyse information from a variety of texts, including websites, documentaries and both testaments, that enable them to describe how Jesus has been portrayed and referred to as Messiah. They discuss how these texts illustrate Jesus' relationship with God and his believers and show evidence of Jesus as fulfilling God's promise.

Faith...What's it all about?

Students develop their understanding of the many ways in which faith is lived out and celebrated by examining the life and legacy of Australian Catholic Christians. They explore the significance of the Our Father prayer for believers.

Catholic Church Down Under

Students investigate the influence of some key people and events had on the shaping of the Catholic Church in Australia. They examine the contributions made by Catholic groups and individuals from the post-Federation era and identify continuity and change in Australian Catholic identity.

Celebrating Faith

Students explore Old Testament scripture to learn about the commemoration of Jewish High Holy Days. They compare the Catholic liturgical calendar to the structure of the Jewish faith year and reflect on the significance of prayer throughout the liturgical year. They examine the parts of the Mass and the celebration of Eucharist as the central to the Catholic faith.

