

Year 3&4 Year A: Topic 1 Domestic Church: Family - Homes

What should I already know?

- St Paul wrote letters that help us understand how we should live like Jesus wants us to.
- God is our Father and we can speak to Him whenever we want to.

Vocabulary

community	a group of people who love in the same area or people who have something in common
differences	things which are not the same
joys	things which bring a great deal of happiness
respect	polite behaviour towards or care for somebody/something that you think is important
sorrows	things which bring a great deal of sadness



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LOVE GOD

LOVE OTHERS

Big Question:
What makes a
house a
home?

What we want to remember.

- God wants us to live as a happy family following his laws.
- Children and their parents and carers need to have respect for one another.
- There are lots of different ways to pray but all of them help us become closer to God.
- Jesus' greatest commandments are to love God and to love each other.
- We have all been chosen by God to be his holy people so we must follow the teachings in the Bible and everything we do, we must do for Him.

Scripture

'And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

John 13:34

Whoever shares with others should do it generously; whoever has authority should work hard; whoever shows kindness to others should do it cheerfully.

Romans 12:8

You are the people of God; he loved you and chose you for his own

Colossians 3: 12

Year 3&4 Year A: Topic 2 Baptism/Confirmation: Belonging - Promises

What should I already know?

- Baptism is the first Sacrament when someone is welcomed into the family of God.
- There are signs and symbols in Baptism: water, candle, oil, white gown
- When we are baptised, we are made holy.

The Sacraments



Baptism



Confirmation



Eucharist



Reconciliation



Matrimony



Holy Orders



Anointing of the Sick

Big Question:
What make promises ?

Scripture

"Take no notice of his height. I have not chosen him. I do not see as human beings see. They look at appearances, I look at the heart."
1 Samuel 16: 7
Jesus said to them, "Come with me, and I will teach you to catch people." At once they left their nets and went with him.
Mark 1: 17-18



What we want to remember.

- A sacrament is a sign of God's love. He is saying, "I am with you and I love you."
- Oil of Chrism shows we are holy and belong to God. It is a symbol that we will love and serve God and his people.
- Oil of Catechumens is a symbol of strength.
- Parents and godparents make promises that they will help the child grow up as a member of the Church and follow Christ.

Vocabulary

anointing	to make holy by applying oil
ceremony	A series of acts done in a certain way for a special occasion
commitment	to stick to doing something
Chrism	A special oil used to show we are holy
faith	A belief in God
promise	A statement that something will be done



Year 3&4 Year A: Topic 3 Advent/Christmas: Loving - Visitors

Big Question:
Are visitors
always
welcome?

What should I already know?

- Mary was visited by an Angel who told her she would have a baby who she would call Jesus. He would be the Son of God.
- Mary gave birth to Jesus at Christmas time. Advent is a time when we prepare to celebrate this special event.

Scripture

‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

You must do this, because the time has come, the moment is here for you to wake up from your sleep. The Lord is coming, he is very near. It is as if night is almost over, day is almost here.

St Paul’s letter to the Romans

The angel came to her and said, “Peace be with you! The Lord is with you and has greatly blessed you!”

Luke 1: 28



Vocabulary

Advent	a time of preparing for the birth of Jesus
Annunciation	The Angel Gabriel visited Mary to tell her she would have a baby.
Isaiah	a prophet (messenger of God) from the Old Testament.
Joyful mysteries	Happy stories from the New Testament which are remembered when praying the Rosary
Magnificat	A prayer said by Mary when she visited her cousin, Elizabeth
Messiah	Jesus who was sent to Earth to save us.

What we want to remember.

- The Prophet Isaiah was a messenger for God. He told the people of Israel that Jesus would be coming.
- St Paul reminds us to live a life that God wants us to especially during Advent, the time of preparing for the coming of Jesus.
- Jesus was not just a visitor to Earth. He lives among us even though we cannot see Him.



Year 3&4 Year A: Topic 4 Local Church: Community - Journeys

Big Question:
Is life a journey?

What should I already know?

- There are special times in the Church's calendar.
- The Church uses different colours for each of the special times in the calendar.

Vocabulary

calendar	the Church's calendar is counted in weeks
Feast Day	a day on which a celebration remembering a person or event is held each year
journey	to travel from one place to another
liturgical	linked to worship
Ordinary Time	Ordinary comes from the Latin order – to count. We count the weeks of the Church's calendar
Our Lady	Mary, the mother of Jesus
seasons	Different times in the Church's year – Ordinary, Advent, Christmas, Lent, Easter, Pentecost
Christian family	A Christian family is a group of people who are committed to Jesus Christ



What we want to remember.

- The Church's calendar is called the Liturgical Year. The new Church Year starts on the first Sunday of Advent.
- The different times of the year are called the Church's seasons.
- When the Church's colour is green, it is Ordinary Time – a time to grow and learn.
- Throughout the year, the Church celebrates special Feast Days, including those of Mary, the Mother of God.
- Prayer is a journey that helps us come closer to God

Scripture

'I rejoiced when I heard them say: "Let us go to God's house".
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.'
Psalm 122

Year 3&4 Year A: Topic 5 - Eucharist: Listening and Sharing

Big Question:
Why should we
be grateful
people?

What should I already know?

- That there are different ways to say thank you
- That Eucharist means 'Thanksgiving'
- The Eucharist is when the parish family thanks God for Jesus
- The bread and wine shared at Mass is Jesus' special meal

Vocabulary

gathering	When people come together for a Liturgy, Mass or Worship
Mass	A special service where people come together to celebrate and receive holy Communion
Liturgy of the Word	The part of the Mass where we listen to readings from the bible and the gospels
Eucharist	The part of the Mass when we remember the Last Supper
Liturgy of the Eucharist	The part of the Mass where the priest takes the place of Jesus and says special prayers over the bread and wine so that they become the body and blood
Holy Communion	One of the 7 sacraments. People receive the body and blood of Jesus Christ.
Good News	The special word of God that we read in the gospels



What we want to remember.

- Listening and sharing with one another is an important part of our school and Christian lives
- We can listen to the Word of God and share in Holy Communion at Mass
- Listening and sharing has a cost but can also be a joy

Scripture

'The Lord be with your spirit. God's grace be with you all.'

2 Timothy 4: 22

Liturgy of the Word

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Year 3&4 Year A: Topic 6 Lent/Easter: Giving -Giving All

What should I already know?

- Lent is a time when we try to do good and move closer to God.
- Jesus was put to death on Good Friday but rose to a new life on Easter Sunday.

Vocabulary

Almsgiving	being charitable and loving
Ash Wednesday	the first day of Lent
fasting	giving up some food or drink
Holy Week	the week leading up to Easter Sunday which starts with Palm Sunday
self-giving	thinking of others before ourselves
Sorrowful mysteries	Sad stories from the New Testament which are remembered when praying the Rosary

Scripture

I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink; I was a stranger and you received me in your homes, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you took care of me, in prison and you visited me.

Matthew 25: 35-36

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The notice of the accusation against him said: "The King of the Jews."

Mark 15: 25-26

"Why are you looking among the dead for one who is alive? He is not here; he has been raised.

Luke 24: 5-6

Big Question:

What makes some people give everything for other people?



Give instead of Giving up



this Lent Season

What we want to remember.

- Lent is a time when we should be giving.
- During Lent, we think of a new way of living. The Beatitudes help us to live and love like Jesus wants us to
- When Jesus was in the Garden of Gethsemane, he was scared but still did as God wanted Him to.
- Jesus gave himself totally for mankind when he died on the cross.

Year 3&4 Year A: Topic 7 Pentecost: Serving - Energy

Big Question:
What's the use
of energy?

What should I already know?

- When Jesus went back to heaven, he promised to send the Holy Spirit.
- We can pray to the Holy Spirit if we or anyone else needs help.
- Jesus promised people new life in heaven when they die.



Scripture

The angel spoke to the women. "You must not be afraid," he said. "I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has been raised, just as he said.

Matthew 28: 5-6

When the Holy Spirit comes upon you, you will be filled with power, and you will be witnesses for me

Acts 1: 8

Acts 2: 1-8 The Story of Pentecost

There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them

1 Corinthians 12: 4

What we want to remember.

- The Holy Spirit inspired the people to live in a new way.
- We celebrate Pentecost as the birthday of the Christian Church
- The Holy Spirit gives each person different gifts to help them live as followers of Jesus.

Vocabulary

energy	the power to make something work or be active
gifts	something given to us by the Spirit
Glorious Mysteries	5 stories telling us about Jesus and Mary after the crucifixion.
Holy Spirit	the third person of the Trinity: God's presence on earth.
Pentecost	the day on which the Holy Spirit came down on the Apostles
Rosary	a set of prayers to Mary



Year 3&4 Year A: Topic 8 Reconciliation – Choices

What should I already know?

- We have rules in the Christian family to help us live and love as God wants us to.
- We can say sorry to God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and we are forgiven.

Vocabulary

absolution	forgiveness for something said or done wrong
Confession	admit to doing or saying something wrong
conscience	part of us that helps us to know right from wrong and what makes us feel guilty when we do wrong
consequence	a result of an action or situation
grace	kindness given to us by God
penance	an action to show that you are sorry for someone
penitent	a person making the act of penance
Reconciliation	A sacrament in the church that helps bring us closer to God when we have done wrong
repentance	showing that you are sorry for something

Scripture

We beg you, our friends, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.

1 Thessalonians 5: 12-13

The parable of the Prodigal Son

Luke 15: 11-32



Big Question:
Why are bridge
builders
important in life?

What we want to remember.

- When we make a choice, there is a consequence.
- Our conscience helps us to make good choices. We can 'examine our conscience' to see whether we have done wrong.
- The Parable of the Prodigal Son teaches us that God will always forgive us.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation celebrates God's love and mercy.
- God has given us gifts to lead a good life and we must be thankful for these.

**GIVE
THANKS TO
GOD**



Year 3&4 Year A: Topic 9 World: Special Places

Big Question:
What makes a
place special?

What should I already know?

- The Earth is a treasure given to us by God and we must take care of it.
- All people around the world are our neighbours and we must treat them with respect and help them

Scripture

This very day in David's town your Saviour was born - Christ the Lord!

Luke 2:11

Not long afterward Jesus came from Nazareth in the province of Galilee, and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

Mark 1:9

The world and all that is in it belong to the Lord; the earth and all who live on it are his.

Vocabulary

holy	connected to God or religion
pilgrim	someone who travels to a place that is important to their religion
pilgrimage	a journey to a place that is important in a religion
Nazareth	the place Mary was from and where Jesus grew up.
temple	a place where some people go to pray – in the Bible, Jewish people went to the temple
universal	relating to everyone in the world

What we want to remember.

- People make pilgrimages to places that are important in their religion.
- Churches are very special places for Christians. They are different around the world but all places we can worship and pray for our global neighbours.
- Christians need to take actions to help protect the world.
- God has a special place in our hearts and we take time to talk to him in prayer.



Year 3 - Islam - Places for Worship

Muslims
praying to Allah



The Blue Mosque,
Istanbul, Turkey



What we want to remember by the end of KS2

Y3

- The muslim place of worship is called a Mosque
- Friday is a special day for Muslims
- Muslims are called to pray during the midday prayer on a Friday

Y4

- The holy book for Muslims is the Qur'an
- The 99 names of God are a tribute to God's greatness

Y5

- The Shahadah is a special prayer for Muslims
- Ramadan is a time when adult Muslims fast
- Id-ul-Fitr is a special festival that marks the end of Ramadan
- Id-ul-Adha is celebrated in honor of Prophet Ibrahim's loyalty to Allah
- Hajj is a special pilgrimage.

Y6

- There are 5 important things Muslims are called to do.
- Muslims promise to give money to charity. This is called Zakat.

Year 4 - Islam - Holy Books



The Qur'an



99 beautiful names
of Allah in Arabic

Year 5 - Islam - Beliefs and festivals

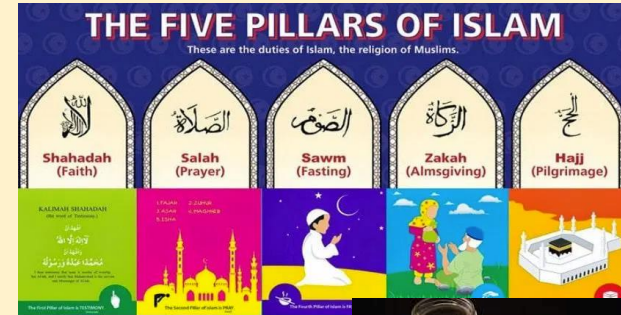


Muslims celebrating
Id-ul-Fitr,

There is no god but Allah
and Muhammad is his Messenger

Shahadah

Year 6 - Islam - Belonging and Values



Year 3 - Judaism - Prayer



A Jewish child prays at the synagogue



The inside of a synagogue in London

Year 5 - Judaism - Beliefs and festivals



The Seder plate at a Pesach Meal

What we want to remember by the end of KS2

Y3

- The Jewish place of worship is called the synagogue.

Y4

- The Holy Book for Jews is called the Torah. This is the first 5 books of the Old Testament
- The Torah is hand-written on a scroll.

Y5

- Pesach or Passover is a major Jewish holiday that celebrates the Biblical story of the Israelites escape from slavery in Egypt
- Special foods are eaten at the Pesach Meal

Y6

- Rosh Hashanah is the Jewish New Year
- Yom Kippur is the most solemn of Jewish religious holidays, when Jews say sorry to God for what they have done wrong.

Year 4 - Judaism - Holy Books



The Torah

Year 6 - Judaism - Belonging and Values



A Jewish man plays the Shofar on Yom Kippur

