

Year 4 Curriculum.

Unit A – Creation and the Story of Abraham to Joseph.

In this unit the children will hear and learn about some important stories from the Book of Genesis. They will explore some important images of God found in these stories and consider what it means for human beings to be made in the image and likeness of God.

Unit B – Jesus Teaches Us How to Pray.

Children will learn about the prayer life of Jesus as he grew up in the Jewish faith. 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 as part of this unit.

Unit C – Advent.

Children will learn 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.

Unit D – Christmas.

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.

Unit E - Jesus: Light of the World and Beloved Son.

Children study some important stories about the life of Jesus and the revelation of his presence in the world. They will also learn about some of the symbols of Baptism and their association with belonging to the Family of God.

Unit F – Old Testament: Moses – King David.

Children will study some important stories about Moses and God's relationship with the people of Israel. They will also learn about the life of King David. Through this unit, children will be introduced to some images of God associated with these stories and some important religious themes such as prayer and vocation, which arise from this study.

Unit G – Lent: Living of Followers of Jesus Today.

Children will explore some of the customs and practices associated with the celebration of the Season of Lent. Through the life and teaching of Christ, they will learn about prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the forgiveness that God offers to those who believe in him.

Unit H – Holy Week.

This unit provides children with an opportunity to develop their knowledge and understanding of the story of Christ's passion and death. They will be given opportunities to reflect upon the circumstances and reasons for his death.

Unit I – Easter.

Children will be introduced to accounts of the Resurrection appearances of Christ in the four Gospel. They will learn about the different reactions of people to the news that Christ was

alive. In this unit the children will study the story of the Ascension and will learn about Christian belief in the presence of Christ in the world today.

Unit J – Pentecost.

Children will study the story of Pentecost and identify the effects that it had upon the disciples. They will learn about the missionary activity of the Apostles and some prayers of the Holy Spirit.

Unit K – Sharing in the Life of Christ: The Church as a Community.

Children learn about the Universal Church established on the original teaching of the Apostles. They will reflect upon the Eucharist as the Sacrament, which celebrates the Church's Unity. They will also be given opportunities to find out about religious customs from around the world.

Unit L – Special Roles and Responsibilities.

Children will learn about the different tasks and responsibilities given to people in the Church. This will help them to develop their understanding of the Church as the Body of Christ made up of many different people.