

Religious Education – Themes



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	Theme	Branch 1 Creation and covenant	Branch 2 Prophecy and promise	Branch 3 Galilee to Jerusalem	Branch 4 Desert to garden	Branch 5 To the ends of the Earth	Branch 6 Dialogue and Encounter
EYFS	My own faith, The faith of my community, Knowing God and the life of Jesus	Genesis - Indeed it is very good Focus on themselves and God's love for us	The annunciation The Nativity, shepherds, the crib, advent wreath; How different cultures celebrate	Wise men visit Jesus calls the little children Jesus came to show God's love	Lent, Jesus died on the cross - it was sad, Jesus was given new life - everyone celebrates, simple Holy Week	Ascension Pentecost Holy Spirit Early Christian community	My own faith Local Parish (Other faiths and festivals covered across the curriculum)
Year 1	Revelation, how do people know about God?	Story of Creation in Genesis, God's gift of Creation	God's love, Mary said yes to God's call, Hail Mary, events from the annunciation to shepherds, Angels – bringing God's message, Christmas around the world and the local Community	People that encounter Jesus, Jesus' mission, Our mission, Candlemas	Link Jesus' time in the desert and Lent, Giving - widow's mite, story of last week of Jesus' life (inc ways marked in another country)	Road to Emmaus, Promise of the Spirit, The Ascension, Pentecost Holy Spirit	Christianity – follower of Jesus Christ Judaism – belief in one God and special clothes Jewish people wear
Year 2	Baptism	Gift of Creation, Noah, God's promise, Caring for God's world	Isaiah spoke of Jesus, The annunciation, John the Baptist, Mary (pray to and with), Advent – different cultures and communities (the wreath, Las Posadas)	John the Baptist Baptism of Jesus The Lost Sheep Sin Forgiveness	Jesus' words on the cross about forgiveness, Lent is a time for forgiveness and reconciliation Sacrament of Reconciliation Holy Week review, Easter Vigil	Events from the Resurrection to Pentecost, Fruits of the Holy Spirit St Luke's gospel - the life of Jesus, the Acts of the Apostles, early Church	Christianity – how we should live; Judaism – religious law, beliefs, worship and life (Sabbath celebrated in synagogues and homes) Hebrew calligraphy
Year 3	Eucharist	Story of Creation in Genesis Made in the image of God Stewardship	Sunday as a holy day, Mass – simple description (focus on Liturgy of the Word), Angels' message (linking Isaiah) to Joseph, signs used in	Magi – gifts Kingdom of God Our Father Life of a Saint	Feeding of the 5000, the last supper, Body of Christ, Describe the Mass – focus of Liturgy of the Eucharist – offertory prayer	Road to Emmaus, the group of apostles (inc Mary), Early Church, Paul's Letter to the Corinthians, linked to Mass	Judaism – Exodus, Passover, meaning of food Christianity - Last Supper Islam - Islamic laws, beliefs, worship, and life (5 pillars)

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			Advent/Christmas				
Year 4	People whose lives have been transformed by faith and hope in God	Abraham Joseph Covenant	What is a prophet? – Elijah, John the Baptist (link words and preaching to Advent), The Feast of Christ the King, Jesse tree	Jesus showed God's Kingdom inc those excluded, Nicene Creed, People inspired by Jesus to help the marginalised	Prodigal son Judgement of nations parable Holy Week Story of St Peter	Peter: faith, three denials, saw Jesus by the lake; the Pope, Apostles' Creed, Communion of Saints, Mary -Queen of Heaven	Christianity - St Paul, Theological virtues, Liturgical rite, Liturgical traditions, Coptic Church Islam - 5 pillars
Year 5	The significance of the Old Testament as part of Christian understanding of the revelation of Jesus	Moses – the call and the covenant, the ten commandments Covenants made – Noah, Abraham, Moses Sin Virtues	David's life and kingship, Samuel, meaning of shepherd – servant leadership, O Antiphons, Rosary	Beatitudes (link ten commandments) the great commandment, Transfiguration (Moses and Elijah), Seven petitions of the Our Father	Ash Wed Mass, Lent, Sin, commandments, Jesus' great commandment, Resurrection, people follow his path to heaven, Rosary, sorrowful mysteries	Gifts of the Holy Spirit, mystery of the Holy Trinity, Confirmation, Discipleship, Rosary, glorious mysteries	Christianity - The Bible: construction, understanding scripture Judaism – the Tanakh, Shema prayer
Year 6	St John Second account of Creation	Second Creation story Laudato Si Stewardship Original sin Baptism Jesus a new covenant Catholic Scientist – no conflict between faith and science	Old Testament – importance of women, Mary is the fulfilment of the Old Testament promises; women today who are responding to God's call in their life	Identify authorial intention in scripture passages studied, Jesus – God and human, Seven Sacraments, St John's gospel	Holy Week, Jesus as Messiah, Washing disciples' feet linked to Mass on Holy Thursday, Stations of the Cross, Discipleship	Literary forms and authorial intention of scripture, scripture linked to religious beliefs, The Resurrection of Christ and the revelation of the Father, Son, and Spirit.	Christianity – The 'common good', principles of CST; Worldviews, Dharmic beliefs, practices, and way of life (e.g., Hinduism or Sikhism or Buddhism or Jainism)