

Year One Focus of Religious Education Units

Unit 1: How and why do we care for God's creation? Lent and Holy Week

Students will explore multiple Bible stories including the Easter Story. They will explore how God is present and understand the messages about God's presence in the lives of individuals. Students make connections to personal experiences when explaining ways of living in accordance with God's plan for creation. Students will engage in daily prayer and meditation, and learn Grace.

Core texts in this unit: Second Creation story (Genesis 2:4b-8, 15-23); Noah: a story of re-creation (Genesis 6:13-9:1); The Last Supper (Mark 14:22-25)

Unit 2: What was Jesus' life like and who were his friends?

Students will explore what life was like in Jesus' time. They will discuss the mission and ministry of Jesus and look at the similarities and differences between Bible gospels. They will explore the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist. They will develop their understandings of the gifts of Nano Nagle and how we at St Elizabeth's are influenced by them. During daily prayer students will learn the Hail Mary and continue daily grace and meditation.

Core texts in this unit: The Baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:9-11); Lost in the Temple (Luke 2:41-47); Jesus calls Peter, Andrew, James and John (Matthew 4:18-22); Calling the Twelve (Mark 3:13-19); Passover (Matthew 26:17-19)

Unit 3: How do I know God is present in my life?

Students will explore stories from the Old Testament, in particular Moses and Esther. Students will explore the connection between the people of the Old Testament and how God was present. Students will demonstrate their understanding of the worlds of the text, the world behind the text and the world in front of the text of the story of Moses.

Core texts in this unit: Moses (Exodus 3:8-17); Noah: a story of re-creation (Genesis 6:13-9:1)

Unit 4: Why is Mary important?

Students will recognise ways in which believers past and present honour Mary, Mother of Jesus. They will explore the significance of prayer in Jesus' life and in the life of believers, and will participate in daily prayers. Students will participate in the Feast Day of St Elizabeth of Hungary.

Core texts in this unit: Annunciation to Mary (Luke 1:26-28); Mary visits Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-42)