



Religious Education Directory

Reception overview

St Thérèse of Lisieux Class

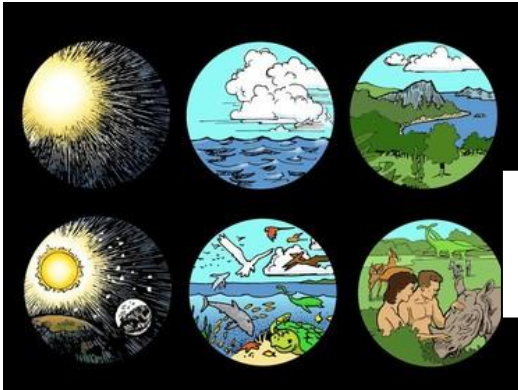
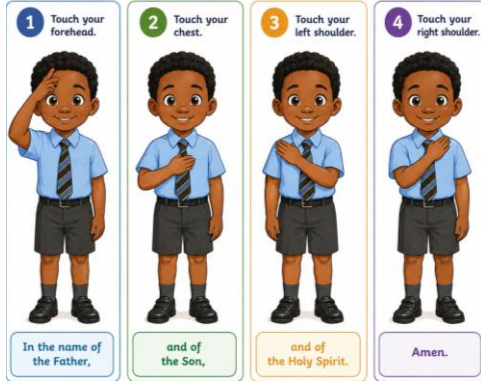
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Hear

Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Genesis
1:31
God
created the
Universe.

Laudato Si'
Creation
shows God's
love for us.



Believe

- God is love.
- I am special.
- God loves me.
- We are a part of God's family.
- God created the world and everything in it.



Live

- We learn to live by our school's mission statement:
*Love God, love others,
love ourselves.*
- We learn about our class saint - St Thérèse of Lisieux and how she lived her life.

Celebrate

- We celebrate God's love by going to Mass every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation.
- We learn about Baptism and how we become part of God's family when we are babies.



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

We look after the world God has given us. We can help by keeping the Earth clean, saving water, protecting animals, and not wasting things. When we care for nature, we are showing love for God's beautiful creation. "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." — Genesis 2:15





Hear



The
Annunciation
(Lk 1:26-31,38)



The
Nativity
(Lk 2:4-7)



The Shepherds
(Lk 2:28-30)

Believe

- Mary was chosen by God to be the mother of his Son.
- Jesus was born in a stable in Bethlehem.
- Angels told the shepherds to visit this very special baby.



Live

- We reflect on how we celebrate Christmas and we share photographs together.
- We live and learn about Advent and count down the days until Christmas Day.



Celebrate

- We learn about Advent and we count down to Christmas.
- We learn about the Crib and we use it to tell the story of the birth of Jesus.
- We perform the Nativity to our families and friends.
- We celebrate Christmas together.



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Option for the poor means we care especially for people who are struggling or don't have enough. We try to help them, share what we have, and make sure they are treated fairly. It reminds us to be kind and to notice when someone needs help.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward them for what they have done."
— Proverbs 19:17



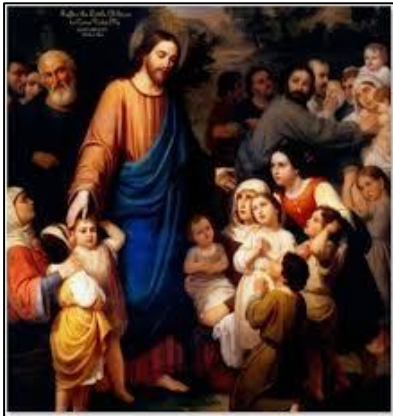


Hear



The Visit of
the Magi
(Matt 2:1-12)

Jesus blesses
the little
children
(Mk 10:13-16)



Feeding of
5000
(Jn 6:1-14)



Believe

- The Magi arrived in the Epiphany (6th Jan) with gifts for baby Jesus.
- Jesus is the Son of God.
- Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus.
- Jesus shows God's message and welcomes everyone with love and kindness.



Celebrate

- We learn the Glory Be prayer together.
- We celebrate The Epiphany with a visit to Mass as a whole school.
- We celebrate God's love by worshiping through hymns and we celebrate the word together in our class.



Live

- We reflect on our Catholic Social Teaching and we think about our calling to help the poor.
- We welcome and show love to everyone with our actions and words as we link God's teaching to the Golden Rules of our school.



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Every job is important and every worker should be treated with respect and fairness. Whether someone is building, teaching, cleaning, or helping others, their work matters. Everyone deserves to be valued and treated kindly for what they do.

"The worker deserves his wages."
— Luke 10:7





Hear



Palm Sunday



The Last Supper

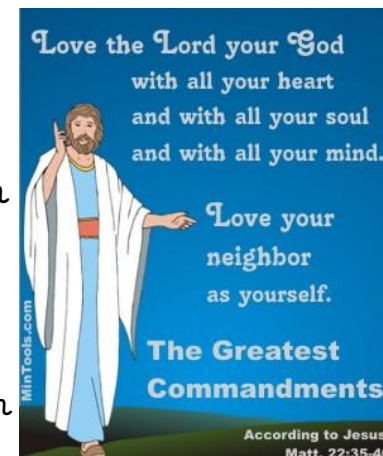
These stories will be told by the class teacher in an age appropriate way rather than directly from the Gospel.



The Crucifixion

Believe

- I believe that Jesus has told us to Love God and to love our neighbours as ourselves.
- I believe that Jesus died on Good Friday and rose again on Easter Sunday.
- I believe that Jesus is still with us and that Easter is a celebration of his eternal life.
- I believe that Jesus will return again.



Celebrate

- We learn about the three pillars of Lent.
- We celebrate the symbols of Easter such as the cross, Easter gardens and new life.

THREE PILLARS OF LENT



PRAYER



FASTING



ALMSGIVING

Live

- We will eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday and go to Mass on Ash Wednesday.
- We will take part in Lent and learn about its meaning.
- We will perform in an assembly for our families all about Palm Sunday.



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Every person is special and important because they are made by, and in the image of, God. No matter who they are, everyone deserves to be loved, respected, and treated kindly. We should always stand up for others and make sure no one is left out or treated badly.

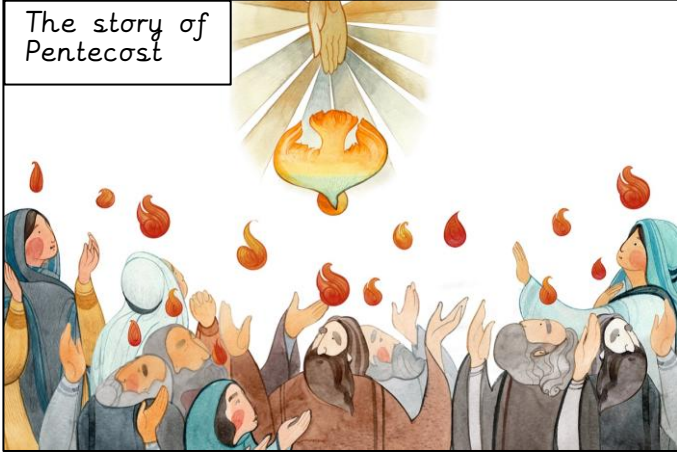
“So God created mankind in his own image.”
— Genesis 1:27





Hear

The story of Pentecost



The Ascension



The Early Christians



Believe

- I believe the Holy Spirit came down from heaven at Pentecost.
- I believe Jesus ascended into heaven.
- I believe that the Early Christians lived out the Good News of Jesus.



Celebrate

- Mass is a celebration of our faith when we share the Good News of Jesus in the Gospels.
- Christians celebrate every Sunday when they go to mass. They also celebrate of holy days and feast days - I can name some of these special occasions such as Christmas and Easter.



Live

- We will learn more about our Parish Community.
- We will attend mass on the Feast Day of the Ascension of the Lord.



Catholic Social Teaching Focus

Everyone at St. Mary's belongs and has something special to share. We are all invited to join in, help others, and work together to make things better. When we include others and listen to their ideas, we build a happy and caring community.

"Where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."
— Matthew 18:20

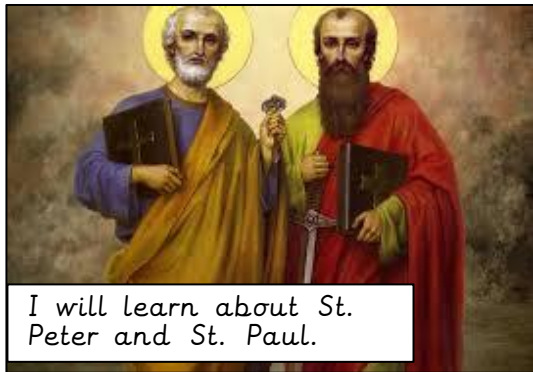




Dialogue



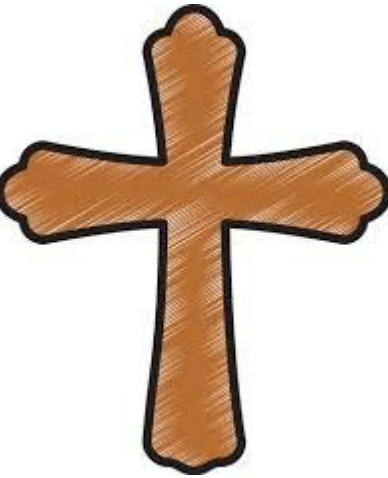
I will learn about Jesus and his friends the apostles.



I will learn about St. Peter and St. Paul.



We will learn about our house saints and our class saint - St Thérèse of Lisieux.



The cross is the symbol of Christianity. The sign of the cross is a very short prayer.



Encounter

- The Church is the community of all those who belong to Christ.
- Jesus had many followers and friends.
- God loves all of us and we are all special.
- Paintings and statues of Jesus and Our Lady look different around the world.
- I will listen to different hymns and talk about which ones I like.
- I understand that Christians believe in God but not everyone has the same beliefs as I do and that is ok.

Catholic Social Teaching Focus

We remember that everyone in the world is part of one big family. We try to solve problems without fighting, by listening, sharing, and being kind. When we stand together and treat others with love and respect, we help make the world a more peaceful place just like Jesus asked us to.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

— Matthew 5:9

