

Year 1

Teaching Focus 1:

Mary has been honoured in many ways by Christians.

Students identify the qualities of Mary and how they connect to our school motto.

- School Prayer
- Meditation
- Grace
- Our Father

Teaching Focus 2:

What do the stories of creation teach us about God's plan?

Students explore a range of stories in the Old Testament that can tell us about God and Creation. How do Bible stories teach us to live safely in the community? Students begin to connect how people are called to live happily and safely in community. (The Golden Rule). They explore the idea that we are made in the image and likeness of God. They create class covenants and recognise that we have choices and the freedom to choose right or wrong. They use wisdom of some Old Testament stories to help people understand the presence of God in people's lives and communities.

Teaching Focus 3

How do the stories of our past tell us about God?

Students explore the relationship between God and Moses in the Old Testament. They describe how the Jewish people see God in their world and communicate how believers today can see God in our world today.

Teaching Focus 4:

Why is Easter the most important event in our church season?

Students continue to explore the mission and ministry of Jesus through the events of Holy Week.

Teaching Focus 5:

How can sacraments help to bring us closer to God?

Students explore the Sacraments of Eucharist and Baptism. They learn about living in community – school and parish. Why are sacraments important to the community of believers?

Teaching Focus 6:

Why is the message of Jesus important to me?

Students explore the person of Jesus in the Gospels through identifying his mission and ministry. They investigate Jesus in the first century world- What did Jesus do and say?

Teaching Focus 7:

What was life like in Jesus' time?

Students describe some aspects of Jewish daily life at the time of Jesus.

- Meditative Prayer

Teaching Focus 8:

How does the church honour Mary?

Students investigate the story of Mary, woman of faith and mother of Jesus through key question such as: How is the story of Mary remembered today? Who was Mary? Where do we hear her story? Students explore devotions to Mary, Hail Mary, prayer beads/rosary beads, images of Mary.

- Hail Mary

Teaching Focus 9:

Who are the faces of our parish community?

Within a local Parish community there are many different roles. These include priests, parishioners, liturgical ministries, and the various Parish groups such as family groups, prayer groups and parish ministries (St Vincent de Paul and youth Groups). Investigate and compare these different roles. Investigate some of the significant occasions where people gather in our Church.

Teaching Focus 10:

Advent/Christmas: How can the Gospel stories help me understand the celebration of Christmas?

Students will explore the birth of Jesus.