

LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY: CELEBRATING – TOPIC OVERVIEW

NURSERY & RECEPTION 4 WEEKS
People celebrate with the parish family

NOTES

the local church gives thanks for God's blessings in its liturgical celebrations and in the way it lives its parish life. Christians belong to the local church community – the parish, which celebrates in a variety of ways. they celebrate tradition and story and find their meaning in Jesus.

Scripture: matthew 18:20 *Where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them.*

Catechism of the Catholic Church 1140: It is the whole community, the Body of Christ united with its Head, that celebrates. *'Liturgical services are not private functions but are celebrations of the Church which is the sacrament of unity, namely, the holy people united and organised under the authority of the bishops.'*

ABOUT THE TOPIC

Prior learning: children will have experienced celebrations at home.

This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

- what a celebration is – **Explore**
- how the parish family celebrate – **Reveal**

acquire the skills of assimilation celebration and application of the above – **Respond**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 22b – *God's Story 1* pages 28-29
(teachers' notes page 48)

SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE

what is a celebration?

Why do people celebrate?

Can you celebrate on your own?

RESOURCES

God's Story 1

Church's Story 1 & 2

The Teddy Horsley Series

by Leslie Francis & Nicola M. Slee

ISBN: 978-0564081950

http://www.widgit.com/resources/classroom/i_call_you_friends

COME & SEE WEBSITE

Pictures of a variety of celebrations – wedding tea party, New Year party, Christmas, birthday celebrations in other countries e.g. Chinese New year
Blank 'spider diagram'
chart with 3 columns - Before/During/after

LITURGICAL/PRAVERS LINKS

Our Father

SONGS/HYMNS TO SING

Come and join the celebration

RE CURRICULUM DIRECTORY

Area of Study 1: Knowing and loving God

Area of Study 2: What is the Church? Catholic

Area of Study 3: Liturgy, Sacraments, prayer

TRADITION

celebrating in church as a parish family

Church's Story 1; page 12-13

CORE VOCABULARY

Nursery, FS1: church, priest, celebrate, celebrating, parish family.

Reception, FS2: Church, family, community, Temple, parish

AREAS OF LEARNING

Personal, social and emotional development

communication and language

Literacy

Understanding the world

Art and design

creative development (wales)

ATTAINMENT TARGETS

AT 1 Learning about religion

i beliefs, teaching & sources

ii celebrations and ritual

iii social and moral practices and way of life

AT 2 Learning from religion

i engagement with own & others' beliefs & values

ii engagement with questions of meaning

POINTS TO REMEMBER

The last topic covered was 'Birthdays' – another celebration! avoid focusing on birthday celebrations. The next topic is Gathering – Eucharist, so avoid too much emphasis on 'The Mass'. In this topic, there will be a celebration as part of Reveal. therefore, there will be no necessity to cover 'Rejoice' later in the process. This is unique to this topic.

LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY: SPECIAL PEOPLE – TOPIC OVERVIEW

YEAR 1 & FOUNDATION 1 4 WEEKS

People in the parish family

NOTES

All families who live or worship in a parish are part of the parish family. As in any family there are people who have special roles within the parish. On Sunday in church, we meet people who do special jobs as we gather to celebrate the Good News of Jesus. There are special people in our lives who are there to help.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:10 *We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.*

Catechism of the Catholic Church 905: lay people fulfil their prophetic mission by evangelisation, that is the proclamation of Christ by word and the testimony of life.

ABOUT THE TOPIC

Prior learning: how the parish family celebrates

This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

- That there are special people in our lives who are there to help – **Explore**
- That on Sunday in church, we meet people who do special jobs as we gather to celebrate the Good News of Jesus – **Reveal**

Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – **Respond**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2: 23-40 – *God's Story 2* page 62

Luke 2: 41-52 – *God's Story 2* page 63
(teachers' notes page 99)

SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE

What makes a person special?

Who are the special people in our families and why?

Who are the people who have special roles in our parish family?

What were special times for Jesus?

RESOURCES

Church's Story 2

Church's Story 2

Welcome to the Mass – Pauline Books and Media
ISBN: 978-0953854080

Pictures of people doing jobs

http://www.widgit.com/resources/classroom/i_call_you_friends

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People in Church, some of the ministries

RE CURRICULUM DIRECTORY

Area of Study 1: Knowing and loving God, the Scriptures, Jesus Christ, Son of God, the Holy Spirit

Area of Study 2: What is the Church? One and holy, Catholic, Apostolic, Mission

Area of Study 3: Liturgy, Sacraments, Eucharist, Prayer

Area of Study 4: The dignity of the human person, the human community, love of neighbour

TRADITION

People in the parish family and Jesus the special person for the Church family
Church's Story 2 pages 6-7, 10-11, (teachers' notes page 82-83)

CORE VOCABULARY

welcomers, Sunday, holy, Jesus, Presentation, church, community, temple, altar servers, special ministers, readers, choir, cleaners, priest, collectors, musicians

ATTAINMENT TARGETS

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CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS

PHSCE

LITURGICAL/PRAYERS LINKS

Celebration of the Eucharist

Thanks be to God

SONGS/HYMNS TO SING

Gathering song

LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY: BOOKS – TOPIC OVERVIEW

YEAR 2 FOUNDATION 2 - 4 WEEKS | The books used in Church

NOTES		
<p>The scriptures are the treasured Word of God for the Jewish and Christian communities. The books used by the Christian community record and hand on its story. The lectionary which is used at Mass contains the scriptures used by the community throughout the year.</p> <p>Scripture: Luke 1:1-3 <i>Many people have done their best to write a report of the things that have taken place among us. They wrote what we have been told by those who saw these things from the beginning and who proclaimed the message.</i></p> <p>Catechism of the Catholic Church 104: ...in the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children and talk with them.</p>		
ABOUT THE TOPIC		
<p>Prior learning: that on Sunday in church, we meet people who do special jobs as we gather to celebrate the Good News of Jesus.</p> <p>This Topic: learning outcomes</p> <p>Know and understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • About the different books used at home and in school – Explore • The books used in Church on Sunday by the parish family – Reveal <p>Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – Respond</p>		
SCRIPTURE	TRADITION	
Matthew 3: 13-17 John 13: 34-35	Lectionary, Lectern, Missal, Gospel, Mass responses, Church, parish family <i>Church's Story 2</i> pages 10-12 (teachers' notes pages 83-84)	
SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE	CORE VOCABULARY	
Why do we need books? How many kinds of books do we use and why? What is special about the Bible and why it is important to us?	books, library, text book, reverence, respect, Scripture, lectern, Gospel, Bible, New Testament, Old Testament, genre, thurible, missal	
RESOURCES	A CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS	
<i>Church's Story 2</i> <i>God's Story 2</i> <i>God's Story 3</i> <i>Picture of the Baptism of Jesus God's Story 3 page 83</i>	Literacy, Art, Music, Drama, Science, RSE	
COME & SEE WEBSITE	STANDARD INDICATORS	
Illuminated manuscripts, different kinds of books New Missal Video of the reading of the Gospel Working with Scripture	<p>Learning about religion Beliefs, teaching & sources Celebration and ritual Social & moral practices & way of life</p> <p>Learning from religion Engagement with own & others' beliefs & values Engagement with questions of meaning</p>	
RE CURRICULUM DIRECTORY	LITURGICAL/PRAYERS LINKS	SONGS/HYMNS TO SING
<p>Area of Study 1: Knowing and loving God, the Scriptures, Jesus Christ, Son of God</p> <p>Area of Study 2: What is the Church? One and holy, Catholic, Apostolic, Mission</p> <p>Area of Study 3: Liturgy, Sacraments, Eucharist, prayer</p> <p>Area of Study 4: The human community, love of God, love of neighbour</p>	Mass responses Celebration of the Word	See John Burland Grid <i>Songs to greet the Gospel</i>
POINTS TO REMEMBER		
Consider the fact that the Gospel readings for each Sunday are on a 3 Year Cycle. (A, B, C)		

LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY: JOURNEYS – TOPIC OVERVIEW

YEAR 3 - 4 WEEKS | Christian family's journey with Jesus

NOTES		
<p>The Christian life is about journeying with Christ and sharing his way of life. The Church's year celebrates the key elements of Christ's life. Scripture: Psalm 23:4 (22) <i>He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.</i> Catechism of the Catholic Church 1344: Thus from celebration to celebration, as they proclaim the Paschal mystery of Jesus 'until he comes', the pilgrim People of God advances, 'following the narrow way of the cross' towards the heavenly banquet, when all the elect will be seated at the table of the kingdom.</p>		
ABOUT THE TOPIC		
<p>Prior learning: the books used in Church on Sunday by the parish family This Topic: learning outcomes Know and understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a journey through a year – Explore • the Christian family's journey with Jesus through the Church's year – Reveal <p>Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – Respond</p>		
SCRIPTURE	TRADITION	
Psalm 84 – <i>God's Story 3</i> page 42 Psalm 118 – 19-20, 26-29 <i>God's Story 3</i> page 43 Psalm 122: 1-9 – <i>God's Story 3</i> page 42	Liturgical year, the Christian family's journey with Jesus through the Church's year, Rosary	
SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE	CORE VOCABULARY	
How events mark the journey through the seasons of the year? How we can help one another in life's journey?	calendar, seasons, journey, liturgical, ordinary time, feast day, Our Lady	
RESOURCES	CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS	
<i>God's Story 3</i> page 155 <i>Church's Story 3</i> Rosary beads	Literacy, Art, Music, Drama, Science, RSE	
COME & SEE WEBSITE	STANDARD INDICATORS	
Film clips of celebrations A liturgical year calendar	Learning about religion Beliefs, teaching & sources Celebration and ritual Social & moral practices & way of life Learning from religion Engagement with own & others' beliefs & values Engagement with questions of meaning	
RE CURRICULUM DIRECTORY	LITURGICAL/PRAVERS LINKS	SONGS/HYMNS TO SING
Area of Study 1: Knowing and loving God, the Scriptures, Jesus Christ, Son of God Area of Study 2: What is the Church? One and holy, Catholic, Apostolic, Mission Area of Study 3: Liturgy, prayer Area of Study 4: The dignity of the human person, the human community, love of God, love of neighbour	Rosary, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father	See John Burland Grid

LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY: COMMUNITY – TOPIC OVERVIEW

YEAR 4 - 4 WEEKS | Life in the local Christian community: ministries in the parish

NOTES		
<p>In the local church, lay people of all ages are called to undertake various roles called ministries by virtues of their Baptism and Confirmation. They help to build up the local community of the parish.</p> <p>Scripture: Romans 12:4-6 <i>We have many parts in the one body, and all these parts have different functions ...we are many, we are one body in union with Christ ...we are use our different gifts in accordance with the grace that God has given us.</i></p> <p>Catechism of the Catholic Church 209: Ministries should be exercised in a spirit of fraternal service and dedication to the Church, in the name of the Lord.</p>		
ABOUT THE TOPIC		
<p>Prior learning: the Christian family's journey with Jesus through the Church's year</p> <p>This Topic: learning outcomes</p> <p>Know and understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belonging to a community – Explore • The life of the local Christian community – Reveal <p>Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – Respond</p>		
SCRIPTURE	TRADITION	
<p>Romans 12: 8-11– <i>God's Story 3</i> page 141 (teachers' notes page 159)</p> <p>Mark 3: 13-19 – <i>God's Story 3</i> page 90 (teachers' notes page 157)</p> <p>Acts 6: 2-13; 7: 57-60 – <i>God's Story 3</i> page 137</p>	<p><i>Church's Story 3</i> page 24-26</p> <p>Ministries</p> <p>Role of the laity</p> <p>Parish/Pastoral areas/Deaneries</p> <p>Service – Christian community</p> <p>Funeral rites</p>	
SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE	CORE VOCABULARY	
<p>Why do people give up their time to help others in the community?</p> <p>What makes communities function well for the good of others?</p>	<p>community, commitment, responsibility, parish, laity, ministries, Extraordinary Ministers, service, funeral rites, pastoral area, deanery</p>	
RESOURCES	CROSS CURRICULAR LINKS	
<p><i>Church's Story 3</i></p> <p><i>God's Story 3</i></p> <p><i>Information about local communities: e.g. Round Table, Age UK etc.</i></p> <p><i>The parish newsletter and/or the website</i></p>	<p>Literacy, Art, Music, Drama, Science, RSE</p>	
COME & SEE WEBSITE	STANDARD INDICATORS	
<p>Part of a funeral Mass</p> <p>Drag and Drop activity, Pictures of people in a parish</p>	<p>Learning about religion</p> <p>Beliefs, teaching & sources</p> <p>Celebration and ritual</p> <p>Social & moral practices & way of life</p> <p>Learning from religion</p> <p>Engagement with own & others' beliefs & values</p> <p>Engagement with questions of meaning</p>	
RE CURRICULUM DIRECTORY	LITURGICAL/ PRAYERS LINKS	SONGS/ HYMNS TO SING
<p>Area of Study 1: Knowing and loving God, the Scriptures, the Trinity, Jesus Christ, Son of God</p> <p>Area of Study 2: What is the Church? One and holy, Catholic, Apostolic, Mission</p> <p>Area of Study 3: Liturgy, Sacraments, Holy Orders, prayer</p> <p>Area of Study 4: The dignity of the human person, the human community, love of God, love of neighbour</p>	<p>Funeral prayers, Eternal rest.</p>	<p>See John Burland grid</p>

LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY: MISSION – TOPIC OVERVIEW

YEAR 5 4 WEEKS

NOTES

Continuing Jesus' mission in diocese (ecumenism)

The Church, the Christian family, is made up of smaller Christian families called dioceses. Each diocese is led by a bishop. The bishops continue the work of 'the twelve' the apostles who continued the work and mission of Jesus. Jesus is the head of these families. He is the head of the Church. There are other Christian families which are not part of the Catholic Church. Ecumenism is the word used for promoting unity among Christian churches. One of the final prayers of Jesus was that we all might be one.

Scripture: Mark 3: 13-15 *Jesus went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message and to have authority to cast out demons.*

Catechism of the Catholic Church 849: *The missionary mandate. "Having been divinely sent to the nations that she might be 'the universal sacrament of salvation,' the Church, in obedience to the command of her founder and because it is demanded by her own essential universality, strives to preach the Gospel to all."*

ABOUT THE TOPIC

Prior learning: knowledge and understanding of the life of the local Christian community

This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

- The mission of inspirational leaders – **Explore**
- Dioceses continue the work and mission of Jesus including ecumenism – **Reveal**

Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – **Respond**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4: 14-22 – *God's Story 3* page 95

Luke 5: 27-32 – *God's Story 3* page 96

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11 – *God's Story 3* page 65

Luke 8: 1-3 – *God's Story 3* page 99

John 17: 11-12, 20-23 – *God's Story 3* page 109

I Corinthians 12: 12-17, 21, 27

CORE VOCABULARY

Mission, bishop, ecumenism, cathedral, apostle, disciple, Good News, diocese, inspirational, Baptism, Christian unity, Gentile

SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE

What inspires people in their mission?

The joys and demands of engaging in a mission

What unites Christian communities?

RESOURCES

Church's Story 3

God's Story 3

Good News Bible

Diocesan directory

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Area of Study 3: Liturgy, prayer

Area of Study 4: The dignity of the human person, the human community, love of God, love of neighbour

TRADITION

Continuing Jesus' mission
Bishop, diocese.
ecumenism
Church's Story 3 pages 7, 26-27

COME & SEE WEBSITE

Fact file of the lives of children of other Christian denominations, links into websites

Virtual tour of a church of another Christian denomination

Links to dioceses

Link to the Churches Together resources for the week of prayer for Christian Unity <http://www.ctbi.org.uk/569>

ATTAINMENT TARGETS

AT 1 Learning about religion

i beliefs, teaching & sources

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iii social & moral practices & way of life

AT 2 Learning from religion

i engagement with own & others' beliefs & values

ii engagement with questions of meaning

LITURGICAL/PRAYERS LINKS

Prayers for Christian Unity

SONGS/HYMNS TO SING

God's Spirit is in my heart, Apostles' Song

POINTS TO REMEMBER

There may be children of other Christian denominations within the class.

LOCAL CHURCH – COMMUNITY: SOURCES – TOPIC OVERVIEW

YEAR 6 4 WEEKS

NOTES

The Bible, the special book for the Church

The Bible is the story, spread over more than two thousand years, of God's love and how God's people responded to that love. There are all sorts of people – good, bad and indifferent – just as in the world today. God showed his love for them by wonderful deeds and each responded in a special way. There are all kinds of writings and the authors all wanted to tell us one thing: the truth about God. All of them were inspired by the Holy Spirit when they were writing. This is why the church family believes that the Holy Spirit is also the author of the Bible.

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 2:13 *We also constantly give thanks to God ... that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word which is also at work in you believers.*

Catechism of the Catholic Church 104: In Sacred Scripture (the Bible) the church constantly finds her nourishment and her strength, for she welcomes it not as a human word, 'but as what it really is, the word of God'. 'In the sacred books, the Father who is in heaven comes lovingly to meet his children, and talks with them'.

ABOUT THE TOPIC

Prior learning: dioceses continue the work and mission of Jesus, including ecumenism

This Topic: learning outcomes

Know and understand:

- A wide variety of books and the purpose for which they were written – **Explore**
- The Bible as the story of God's love, told by the People of God – **Reveal**

Acquire the skills of assimilation, celebration and application of the above – **Respond**

SCRIPTURE

Romans 15: 4-6

Bible

Bible references, genre, context

TRADITION

Scripture, New Testament, Old Testament

Books of the Bible

different genres

SOME QUESTIONS OF MEANING & PURPOSE

How our lives are enriched by books

The wonder of books and how they take a person beyond themselves

CORE VOCABULARY

Poetry, prose, history, information, stories

Bible, Old Testament, New Testament, genre

RESOURCES

God's Story 3

Catholic Good News or Catholic NRSV Bibles (Collins)

Books, class/school library

An attractive coffee table book

Links to print a book on line

BBC learning zone 3666 and 312

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COME & SEE WEBSITE

Biblical texts used in Learning Focus 2

RE CURRICULUM DIRECTORY

Area of Study 1: Knowing and loving God, the Scriptures, Creation, the Trinity, Jesus Christ, Son of God, the Holy Spirit

Area of Study 2: What is the Church? One and holy, Catholic

Area of Study 3: Liturgy, prayer

Area of Study 4: The dignity of the human person, the human community, love of God, love of neighbour

LITURGICAL/PRAYERS LINKS

The Liturgy of the Word

SONGS/HYMNS TO SING

POINTS TO REMEMBER

Include a number of different translations of the Bible e.g. *Good News, Jerusalem, NRSV*. Encourage the children to treat their Bibles with great reverence and respect.