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| **GROW IN LOVE** | **FIRST CLASS** | **TERM ONE** |
| **THEME** | **LESSON** | **FAITH FORMATION GOALS** |
| **1 Belonging** | **1**  **We belong together** | Explore what it means to belong…the human need to belong.  To deepen their trust in God. |
| **1 Belonging** | **2** **We belong to the**  **Church** | Begin to appreciate that, in Baptism, they became a member of the Church.  Celebrate their identity as baptised children of God. |
| **1 Belonging** | **3 God loves us** | Appreciate that the people who help us are signs of God’s love and they reveal God’s love and care. |
| **\*\* Seasonal** | **The Rosary** | Begin to develop a devotion to Mary through the Rosary.  Demonstrate due reverence for the Rosary beads. |
| **2 Jesus** | **1 Jesus** | Enable the children to get to know Jesus better from the Bible stories they have heard. |
| **2 Jesus** | **2 Jesus had many**  **friends** | Become aware that Jesus is calling them personally to be his friends. |
| **2 Jesus** | **3 Jesus healed people** | Help the children become aware of how Jesus is like a friend to them. |
| **2 Jesus** | **4 Jesus taught his friends**  **how to live** | Associate their own acts of generosity with Christian moral values and teachings. |
| **\*\* Seasonal** | **Celebrating the Saints** | Seek to emulate the lives of the saints and to ask their help in prayer. |
| **2 Jesus** | **5 At Mass, Jesus’ friends**  **gather together** | Begin to appreciate the importance of the Mass at a time when the followers of Jesus gather together to pray. |
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| **4 We hear the Gospel**  **At Mass** | **1 All who heard him**  **were amazed** | Develop their relationship with Jesus in prayer. |
| **3 Advent and**  **Christmas** | **1 Waiting for**  **the Light** | Prepare their hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus. |
| **3 Advent and**  **Christmas** | **2 Jesus is the Light** | Develop a sense of devotion to Mary as the mother of Jesus. |
| **3 Advent and**  **Christmas** | **3 The waiting is Over** | Celebrate Christmas with joy. Desire to keep the birth of Jesus at the centre of their Christmas celebrations. |