**PRIMARY 1: Junior Infant Class – Grow in Love**

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| **THEMES** | **LESSONS** | **LEARNING****OBJECTIVES** | **FAITH FORMATION GOALS** | **SCRIPTURE** | **STORY** | **SONG** | **PRAYER** |
| **MY** **FAMILY** | **Lesson 1****I have a name** | God knows their name and everything about them… | Become aware of the significance of God knowing their name… |  | Her name is… | I have a Name | Sign of the Cross |
|  | **Lesson 2****I have****a family** | Name the people who care for them.God’s love comes to them through the people who care for them… | Appreciate those who love them which helps them to know the love of God… |  | Saturday | They Care for Me | MorningPrayer |
|  | **Lesson 3****I can share love with my family** | Discuss the ‘ingredients’ that go into creating a loving family...Focus on a way of showing care…. | Ask God to help them to share love with their families… |  | Poem:A Cupful of KindnessStory:Brothers | They Care for MeI have a Name |  |
|  | **Lesson 4****We are all in one family** | All people in the world are part of the human family…Explore ways to share love with the human family… | They need to show care to the pupils in their class…as they are part of the human family  |  | Video: ‘Families’Story:Brothers |  | MorningPrayer |
| **THEME****OUR****WORLD** | **Lesson 1****God created the world** | Identify God as the creator…Chat about their favourite part of Creation… | Aware of the wonder & beauty of the natural world…Thank God for the gift of Creation… | Creation Story 1*Genesis 1:1-13*Creation Story 2*Genesis1:14-23*Creation Story 3*Genesis 1:24-25* | Video:Our Wonderful WorldStory:Creation Story |  |  |
|  |  **Lesson 2****God created us…we are special** | People are the high point of God’s creation…Tell the creation story… | Wonder at how each person is unique…Value their dignity & worth as loved by God… | Creation Story 4*Genesis 1:27-31* | Video:Hey! Look what we can Do!Story:Stretch | Song:I am Special | Prayer:Glory be to the Father |
|  | **Lesson 3****We can care for the world** | Select one way they can care for the world… | Develop an awareness of their duty to care for Creation… |  | St. Francis Cared for God’s World |  | Glory be to the Father |
| **THEME 3****ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS** | **Lesson 1****God gives us good news!** | The Annunciation story…Tell their own good news story…Wonder about the kind of person Jesus would be… | Begin to appreciate the importance of Mary’s ‘yes’ to God. | Scripture:Lk. 1:26-32, 38 |  |  | Prayer to our Guardian Angel |
| **THEME 3****ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS** | **Lesson 2****We get ready****to welcome Jesus** | Advent is a special time as we prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birthday….Imagine the things Mary did to prepare for the birth of Jesus… | Begin to enter into the spirit of Advent as a time of preparing for Christmas… |  | Poem:AdventStory:Niamh Gets Ready | Song:Come, Lord Jesus | Prayer to Our Guardian Angel |
|  | **Lesson 3****The good news: Jesus is born!** | The birth of Jesus is ‘good news’…Joseph looking for a place to stay in Bethlehem …How we celebrate the birth of Jesus at home… |  | ScriptureJesus is BornLk. 2:1, 3-7 | Poem:Advent |  Song:Away in a Manger | Prayer to Our Guardian Angel |
|  |  **Lesson 4****Visitors****to the stable** | Identify the shepherds and wise men as the visitors to the stable… | That the children would welcome Jesus, the Son of God, at Christmas… |  ScriptureLk (2:8-20)Visitors to the Stable…More visitors…Mt (2:1-2, 9-11) |  | Song:Come. Lord JesusAway in a Manger |  |
| **THEME 4****The Holy Family****THEME 4****The Holy Family** |  **Lesson 1****Holy Family lived in Nazareth****Lesson 2****The Holy Family visited Jerusalem** | Name things they did together…Compare houses - yours & theirs…Jesus in the TempleHow Mary and Joseph felt? | God is present in their families…Ask God to bless their families…Develop a love for Bible stories | Daniel & the Lions*Daniel 6*The Boy Jesus in the Temple*Lk 2:41-50* |  | When Jesus was a boy | Night PrayerNight Prayer |
|  **THEME 5** **JESUS** | **Lesson 1****Jesus****and the****children** | Jesus loves children in a special way…Tell the story: Jesus and the Children | Appreciate that Jesus loves them in a special way…Talk to Jesus in their own words, &So begin to develop a relationship with Jesus. | ScriptureJesus and the ChildrenMk 10:13-16Lk 18:15-17 | Poem:Jesus Blessed the Children | SongJesus Loves Children |  |
|  | **Lesson 2****Jesus****is the Good Shepherd** | Characteristics of a good shepherd…Jesus is the Good Shepherd, who cares for them… | Become more aware of Jesus’care for each one of them… | Psalm 23 | Video:A Farmer and her Sheep |  |  Psalm 23 |
|  | **Lesson 3****Jesus****Teaches****us** | Reflect o n how they show love to others, at home and in school.. |  |  Scripture Mt 22:37-39 |  Video: Mt, 22:37-39 |  SongThe Gift of Love |  |
| **THEME 6****Holy Week and Easter** |  **Lesson 4****We can****Live as****Jesus****taught us****Lesson 1****The Last Supper** | Situations where people are excluded…Jesus practiced Inclusion…Discuss sharing meals with others.Tell the story of The Last Supper. | Jesus calls us to live in community with others…Value the experience of sharing meals with others… | ScriptureThe Last Supper*Mt 26: 26-29**Lk 22:7-19**Mk 14:12-17* | StoryCan I play too?Video:Sharing MealsPoem:The Last Supper |  Song Grow in Love | Prayer ServiceGrace Before MealsGrace After Meals |
|  |  **Lesson 2****Jesus****dies on the Cross** | Lent, a time to try to live as Jesus wants us to…Explain how it came about that Jesus died on the cross. | Enter into the cycle and rhythm of the Liturgical year… | ScriptureMk 15: 25-37, & 42-47Jn. 19:18, 25, 30. |  |  | Sign of the Cross |
|  |  **Lesson 3****An Easter surprise** | Tell the story of the resurrection.Mary Magdalene and the other women at the tomb… | That the children would develop their faith in the risen Jesus | ScriptureLk 24:1-12 |  | Song:Alleluia! | Prayer Service |
| **THEME 7****The** **Church****THEME 7****The****Church** |  **Lesson 1****Places****to pray** **Lesson 2****The Church –****A special place to pray** | Explain that the church is a special place to pray.Discuss the church bell, kneelers and candles…Identify the altar, crucifix and stained glass windows in the church…Appropriate ways to behave in church… | Church as a sacred place to pray…The importance of praying…Develop an attitude of reverence for the church… |  | VideoThe Church –a Place to PrayVideo:The ChurchPart 1, 2 & 3 | Song:The Church | Morning PrayerNight PrayerPrayerService |
| **THEME 8****Water** |  **Lesson 1****Water is wonderful** | Become aware of places in the world where clean water is not freely available…How they can conserve water… | Develop a sense of gratitude to God for water… |  | Video:EnestinaStoryMesi Goes for Water | Song:Water | Glory be to the Father |
|  | **Lesson 2****Welcomed****with water** | Water is poured over the baby’s head in baptism… | We belong to God’s family through baptism… |  | Video:Holy Water&Baptism |  |  |
| **THEME 9** |  **Lesson 1** **Thank you,****God , for food** | Differences between what they eat and Enestina | Be grateful for food.Be aware of the need to share food. |  | StoryMonday Morningin Malawi! |  | Grace Before and After Meals |
|  | **Lesson 2****At Mass,****we give****thanks** | On Sunday the parish community gathers to give thanks to God. | Develop a sense of belong to our local parish community | ScriptureGod created the world | StoryThank You God | SongWe Give Thanks |  |

1. **Autumn** *(September or October)*
2. **In November, we remember**
3. **St. Patrick**
4. **Lent** *(Ash Wednesday)*
5. **Mary** *(May)*
6. **Summer** *(June)*
7. **Grow in Love!** *(Last week of school)*

**SEASONAL LESSONS**

**The Seasonal Lessons are in keeping with**

 **the Liturgical Calendar**