**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 | Morning  Prayer |
|  | **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 Kindness  Story:  Brothers | They Care for Me  I 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 |  | Morning  Prayer |
| **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 World  Story:  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:  Advent  Story:  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… |  | Scripture  Jesus is Born  Lk. 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… | Scripture  Lk (2:8-20)  Visitors to the Stable…  More visitors…  Mt (2:1-2, 9-11) |  | Song:  Come. Lord Jesus  Away 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 Temple  How 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 Prayer  Night 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. | Scripture  Jesus and the Children  Mk 10:13-16  Lk 18:15-17 | Poem:  Jesus Blessed the Children | Song  Jesus 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 | Song  The 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… | Scripture  The Last Supper  *Mt 26: 26-29*  *Lk 22:7-19*  *Mk 14:12-17* | Story  Can I play too?  Video:  Sharing Meals  Poem:  The Last Supper | Song  Grow in Love | Prayer Service  Grace Before Meals  Grace 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… | Scripture  Mk 15: 25-37, & 42-47  Jn. 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 | Scripture  Lk 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… |  | Video  The Church –  a Place to Pray  Video:  The Church  Part 1, 2 & 3 | Song:  The Church | Morning  Prayer  Night Prayer  Prayer  Service |
| **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:  Enestina  Story  Mesi 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. |  | Story  Monday Morning  in 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 | Scripture  God created the world | Story  Thank You God | Song  We 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**