**PRIMARY 2: SENIOR INFANTS – Grow in Love**

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| **THEME** | **LESSON** | **LEARNING ONJECTIVES** | **FAITH**  **FORMATION**  **GOALS** | **SCRIPTURE** | **STORY** | **SONG** | **PRAYER** |
| **THEME I**  **OUR**  **WORLD** | **Lesson 1**  **God id with us** | Explain that God is with us at all times… | Grow in trust that God is with them, always and everywhere… | Psalm 139  God is everywhere | Story  Another New Beginning  Poem:  God is with me |  | Sign of the Cross |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **God created our world** | Wonder why God created human beings …  Identify human beings as the high point of God’s creation… | Develop a sense of gratitude to God for the natural world…  Develop a sense of wonder and awe in the created world… | Creation Story  Genesis 1:1-25 | Poem:  My Body | Thank You, God, for Our World |  |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **Thank you, God,**  **for our world** | Story of King David…  Identify one way they can care for the world… | Develop an awareness of their duty to care for God’s creation… | David loved God’s world  Psalm 104 | Video:  Vox Pop |  | Glory be to the Father  *with actions* |
| **THEME I**  **OUR**  **WORLD** | **Lesson 4**  **God asks us to care for the world** | Look at one way they can care for the world in response to scripture… | Begin to develop an awareness of their duty to care for God’s creation… | Genesis 1:27-28 | Video:  Our Wonderful  World | Song:  Quiet and Still  and  Caring for God’s World | Morning Prayer |
| **THEME 2**  **WE BELONG** | **Lesson 1**  **I belong in my family** | Explore God’s love for them as experienced in the love and care of their families…  God loves and cares for every family… | Appreciate the love and care of people around them...  Recognise that every family is different, and loved by God… |  | Story:  Alanna Asks |  |  |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **My family belongs in a community** | Name their parish community…  Ways in which people help in the parish…  Using their gifts and talents… | God calls us to live in community with others…  Belonging to a community… |  | Video:  Match day in Mountshannon | Song:  Created by God |  |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **We all belong in one human family**  **Lesson 4**  **We can pray to God** | All people in the world are part of the human family…  Story of Mother Teresa  Jesus taught us the *Our Father…*  We pray this prayer too… | Become enriched by the story of Mother Teresa and by her faith and trust in God…  Value the importance of praying as Jesus did | Jesus teaches his Friends to Pray  *Mt 6: 9-13* | Chat about praying | Song:  Created by God | Our Father |
| **THEME 3**  **Advent**  **And Christmas** | **Lesson 1**  **Advent Light** | Advent is a time to get ready to celebrate Jesus’ birthday… | Advent light…  Light the Advent candles as we wait  for His birth… |  | Story:  A Winter Morning | Advent Song |  |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **Mary says ‘Yes’** | Discuss Announcements…  Angel Gabriel visits Mary…  Explore why we honour Mary | Explain why we honour Mary | Lk.1:26-32, 38 |  | Song:  Mary | Hail Mary  *with actions* |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **Jesus is born** | Identify the figures of Mary, Joseph and Jesus in the crib… |  | Jesus is Born  Luke 2:1, 3-7 | Poem:  The Present | Song:  Mary |  |
| **THEME 4**  **THE HOLY FAMILY** | **Lesson 4**  **Gifts for the baby**  **Lesson 1**  **Simeon and Anna meet Jesus** | The Shepherds &  The Wise Men visit  Simeon and Anna waited for the gift of Jesus…  Consider why God sent us Jesus… | Share the good news of the birth of Jesus.  Recognise Jesus as God’s greatest gift. | Luke 2:8-18, 20  Mt.2:1-2, 9-11  Lk. 2:22, 25-40  Simeon and Anna meet Jesus |  | Song  Mary  Quiet and Still  Song  When Jesus was a Boy |  |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **Jesus grew up in Nazareth** | The Holy Family lived in Nazareth…  Name places and ways they prayed as a family…  Describe some things they did together as a family… | Recognise God’s presence in their own families…  Value the importance of praying… |  | Poem:  Jesus lived in Nazareth | Song:  When Jesus was a Boy |  |
| **THEME 5**  **ST. BRIGID AND**  **THE SPRING** | **Lesson 1**  **St. Brigid** | Story of St. Brigid  Brigid’s characteristics…  Ways they can be like her… | Desire to do acts of kindness, following the example of St. Brigid… |  | Story:  St. Brigid  Poem:  Kindness | Song:  We Sing a Song to Brigid |  |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **God cares**  **for us in spring** | Changes in the season of Spring…  God continues to love and care for us… | Appreciate God’s care and providence in spring…  Develop a sense of being cared for by God… |  | Story:  Ruby Rook’s Spring  Challenge |  | Morning  and  Night Prayer |
| **THEME 6**  **JESUS** | **Lesson 1**  **We listen to stories** | Share a story about Jesus they have learned…  Choose your favourite story… | Deepen their love for Bible stories by listening to and retelling them… |  | Story:  Grandad, Tell us a Story…  Poem:  Stories |  |  |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **Jesus feeds the people** | Identify the Bible as a precious and holy book…  Tell the story: Jesus feeds the People… | Show respect for the Bible as a sacred text… | Scripture:  John 6:1-13 |  | Song:  Miracle Song –  The Loaves & Fish | Prayer:  Grace before  Meals  and  After Meals |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **Jesus calms the storm** | Tell the Story…  Discuss the actions of Jesus and his friends… | God is always with them, however they feel…  Develop a sense wonder in relation to Bible stories… | Scripture:  Luke 8:22-25  Mark4:35-41 | Poem:  The Storm at Sea… |  | Our Father |
|  | **Lesson 4**  **Jesus heals the man who was blind** | Story: Bartimaeus  Why Jesus wanted to help… | Appreciation of God’s gift of sight…  Come to know & love Jesus | Scripture:  Mark 10:46-52 |  | Song:  Miracle Song –  Jesus helps a Man to See… | Our Father |
| **THEME 7**  **Holy Week**  **&**  **Easter**  **THEME 7**  **Holy Week**  **and**  **Easter** | **Lesson 1**  **The Last Supper**  **Lesson 2**  **Jesus dies on**  **The cross** | Explore the story of The Last Supper…  Look at art depicting The Last Supper…  Jesus died on the cross to show his love for all people…  Identify the cross as a sign of those who are followers of Jesus… | Recognise and respond to Jesus’ invitation to ‘do this in memory of me.’  That the children would come to know Jesus’ love for them… | Scripture:  Lk 22:7-19  Mt. 26:26-29  Mk 14:12-17, and 22-24  Scripture:  Mk. 15:25-37, 42-47  and  John 19:18, 25, 30 | Story:  ‘Guess How Much I Love You’ | Song:  The Last Supper | Sign of the Cross |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **Jesus is alive!** | Sequence the events of Holy Thursday and Good Friday…  Retell the story ‘Jesus is Alive’… | That the children would experience joy that the risen Jesus is still with us… | Scripture:  Jesus is Alive  John 21:1-14 |  | Song:  The last Supper |  |
| **THEME 8**  **The**  **Church** | **Lesson 1**  **A place to gather** | Name their local church…  Discuss the purpose of the church…  A place of prayer… | Show respect for the church as a place of prayer and celebration…  Develop a sense of belonging to their local church and parish… | Scripture:  1 King 6  A House of Prayer |  |  | Glory be to the Father  *with actions* |
| **THEME 9**  **Baptism** | **Lesson 2**  **A place of prayer**  **Lesson 1**  **A baby’s Baptism** | Able to Genuflect  Ways we show respect in church…  The Paschal candle  Explains what happens at a Baptism…  Baptismal font reminds us of baptism…  Their own Baptism | Develop an attitude of reverence for the church…  Silence in church…  Appreciate they belong to God’s family through Baptism…  Respect the church as a place of celebration… | Story  The Baby is Baptised | Video:  The Church  *(part 2 and 3)*  Video:  Baby’s Book of Firsts  Baptism | Song:  Baptism Song | Our Father  Morning Prayer |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **John baptises the people** | The story of John the Baptist…  Discuss the things John told the people to do to show love for God… | Be inspired to love God and to live the way God wants them to… | Scripture:  Luke 3:2-3, 15-18 |  |  | Night Prayer |
| **THEME 10**  **Grow**  **in**  **Love** | **Lesson 1**  **We can grow in love** | Difficulty making choices…  Moral dilemmas…  Making choices based on Jesus’ teaching… |  | Scripture:  Mt 22:34-40  Jesus Teaches Us | Story:  Sandra and Stephen  Part 1  and  Part 2 |  |  |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **We continue**  **to grow**  **in love** | Identify your favourite Bible story…  Favourite way to pray… | Recognise God’s presence and action in their lives and give thanks… |  |  |  | Prayer Service |

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**SEASONAL LESSONS**

**Lesson 1: We Remember** *(November)*

**Lesson 2: Lent**

**Lesson 3: Mary** *(May)*