**PRIMARY 3: FIRST CLASS – Grow in Love**

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| **THEME** | **LESSON** | **LEARNING OBJECTIVES** | **FAITH FORMATION GOALS** | **SCRIPTURE** | **STORY** | **SONG** | **PRAYER** |
| **THEME 1**  **BELONGING** | **Lesson 1**  **We Belong**  **together** | God’s promise to be always with them…  Create a sense of belonging in the class… | Children are enabled to deepen their trust in God… | God is always with us.  Isaiah 49:15 | Poem:  Belonging | Together Again | Morning Prayer |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **We belong to the Church** | The groups they belong to including the church…  Ways they can share the love of God…  Items associated with their Baptism… | Appreciate that, in Baptism, they became members of the Church…  Celebrate their identity as members of God’s family… |  | Video:  Baptism  White garment,  Water, Chrism,  Baptismal candle, Sign of the Cross… | Baptism Song | Sign of the Cross |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **God loves us** | God’s love is never ending…  The message God would like us to show the world… |  | Jeremiah 31:3  “My love for you will never end. I will always love you.” |  | Together Again | Prayer Service |
| **THEME 2** | **Lesson 1**  **Jesus** | Friends of Jesus chat about what happened at the Storm at Sea…  They share stories and things they know about Jesus with others… | That the children would get to know Jesus better from the Bible stories they have heard… | *Lk (11:1-4)*  *Jesus the teacher*  *Mk (10:46-52)*  *Jesus the Healer*  *Mk (4:35-41)*  *Jesus the Miracle Worker* |  | Song:  When Jesus was a Boy | Prayer:  Our Father |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **Jesus had many friends** | Peter, James and John were friends of Jesus..  Tell about how Jesus meet each of them… | That the children would become aware that Jesus is calling them to be his friend.. | Lk.(5:1-7, 9-11)  Jesus calls the Apostles…  Mk. (2:13-19)  Mt. 9:9  Jesus calls Matthew | Video:  You’ve got a friend in me. |  | Our Father |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **Jesus healed people** | Explore the story of Jesus healing the Paralysed man. Wonder why Jesus healed him?  Thank God for the gift of friendship… | That they would become aware of how Jesus is like a friend to them… | Mt (9:1-2, 6-8)  Mk. 2:1-4 & 10-12)  Jesus heals a man who is paralysed. |  | Circle of Friends |  |
|  | **Lesson 4**  **Jesus taught his friends how to live**  **Lesson 5**  **At Mass, Jesus’ friends gather together** | How can you follow the example of the Woman who gave all?  What have learned about sharing from the story  Friends of Jesus go to Mass on Sunday to show they are following him…  Roles: priest, altar servers, sacristan, choir, and all the people gathered … | Associate their own acts of generosity with Christian values….  Begin to appreciate the importance of Mass as followers of Jesus… | The Woman who gave all.  Lk.(21:1-4)  Mk. (2:1-4, 11-12)  Healing the Paralysed man. | Celeb’s Story  Video:  Sharing | Gathering Song  When Jesus was a Boy | Sign of the Cross  Our Father |
| **THEME 3**  **Advent**  **and**  **Christmas** | **Lesson 1**  **Waiting for the light** | Waiting for the coming of Jesus…  Anna and Simeon wait…  Jesus as the light of the world…  Discuss what Anna and Simeon are doing as they wait… | Help the children to prepare their hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus | *Isaiah 9:2*  *Luke (2:25-36*)  *Anna & Simeon* | Slideshow:  Waiting |  |  |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **Jesus is the light** | Connect words of the Hail Mary to words expressed by Elizabeth to Mary…  Begin to see Jesus as the light of the world… | Develop their sense of devotion to Mary as the mother of Jesus. | The Visitation  Lk. (1:39-43) |  | Silent Night | Hail Mary  *with actions* |
| **THEME 3**  **Advent**  **and**  **Christmas** | **Lesson 3**  **The waiting is over** | Focus their Christmas celebrations on the birth of Jesus…  Tell the story of the Nativity…  Pray for those who are unhappy at this time… | Desire to keep the birth of Jesus at the centre of their Christmas celebrations… | The Birth of Jesus  Lk 2:1-7  The Shepherds  Lk 2:8-20  The Wise Men  Mt. 2:1, 9-11 | Poem:  A few little Moments | Silent Night |  |
| **THEME 4**  **We Hear the Gospel at Mass** | **Lesson 1**  **Al who heard him were amazed** | Discuss how Mary & Joseph felt when Jesus was lost…  Identify ways to show respect to their parents…  Pray a decade of the rosary… | Help to develop their relationship with Jesus in prayer… | Jesus in the Temple  Lk.(2:41-52) | Slide show:  The Holy Family Visited Jerusalem |  | A decade of the rosary |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **We listen to the Gospel at Mass** | 4 Gospels were written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.  Discuss the ways in which the Gospel is greeted at Mass…  The threefold blessing gesture… | Encourage the children to reverence the Bible…  The Bible is the inspired Word of God |  | May my mind be open to hear your Word,  May my lips speak your Word,  May my heart be open to live as your Word has shown me. | Song:  Alleluia! | Gospel Responses |
| **THEME 5**  **Reconciliation** | **Lesson 1**  **We can lose our way** | Acknowledge when we have done wrong...  The steps involved in reconciliation…  What to do when we make a bad choice… | Saying sorry when we do wrong…  Know the steps to reconciliation… |  | Shauna’s Story  Conscious Alley |  | Act of Sorrow |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **The lost Sheep** | The meaning of the Parable…  Identify God as the Shepherd…  Explore how God will always search for us…  Chat about the ways in which we can fail to love God and others… | Explore how God is merciful and goes in search of those who were lost so that they can be found again… | Parable of the Lost Sheep  Mt. 18:12-14 |  |  | Psalm 23  The Lord, He is my Shepherd  Act of Sorrow |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **We celebrate God’s forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation** | Reconciliation is our way to say sorrow to God.  Develop an understanding of their sins.  Desire to say sorry when they do wrong… | A desire to receive the sacrament…  Experience God’s mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation |  | Video:  Sacrament of Reconciliation | Song:  I’m Sorry | Act of Sorrow |
| **THEME 6**  **Celebrating Mass** | **Lesson 1**  **We offer gifts** | Recall the main parts of the Mass.  Explain the function of the items present on the altar during the Mass | Desire to participate fully and actively in the celebration of Mass. |  | Video:  Preparations of the Gifts | Song:  We Come to You, Lord Jesus | Our Father  *with actions* |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **‘Do this in memory of me’** | Focus on the difference between eating food and sharing a meal…  Ponder on the words said by Jesus at the Last Supper with those said by the priest… | That the children would desire to celebrate their  First Holy Communion… | The Last Supper  *Mt. (26:26-28)*  Jesus visits Martha and Mary  *Lk.(10:38-47)* | Video:  The Institution Narrative |  | Prayer before Communion |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **We are nourished by receiving Holy Communion** | Explain that Jesus gives us the gift of himself in Holy Communion…  How we prepare meaningfully for reception of Holy Communion… | The link between the Eucharist and daily living… |  | Video:  Receiving Holy Communion | Song:  We Come to You, Lord Jesus | Prayer after Communion |
| **THEME 7**  **Holy Week**  **and**  **Easter**  **THEME 7**  **Holy Week**  **and**  **Easter** | **Lesson 1**  **Jesus in Jerusalem**  **Lesson 2**  **Jesus is risen!** | Palm Sunday and Good Friday are 2 key days in Holy week…  Mary Magdalene encounters  the risen Jesus…  Reflect on the ways they and their families can celebrate Holy Week… | Enter into the spirit of the Church’s celebrations of Holy Week  Develop their faith in the Risen Jesus… | *John 12: 12-14*  Jesus comes into Jerusalem,  and Jesus is Crucified  *John (20: 1, 11-16 and 18)*  Mary Magdalene encounters the Risen Jesus |  | Song:  Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks  Sanctus | Holy, Holy…  Sanctus |
| **THEME 8**  **Jesus**  **is Still With Us** | **Lesson 1**  **‘I am with you always’** | Ascension is 40 days after Easter Sunday…  No matter what happens to us, we are not alone…  Jesus promises to be with us always... | Appreciate the closeness of Jesus in their lives at all times…  Pray in thanksgiving for his presence… | Jesus’ last Words  Mt (28:19-20)  and  Jn. (14:16, 26) |  | Song:  Christ be Beside Me |  |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **‘I will send a helper’** | Wonder why is wind used as a symbol of the Holy Spirit?  The Holy Spirit can them as it helped the disciples…  The Pentecost Story… | That the children would appreciate that the Holy Spirit can be their helper… | Pentecost  Acts (2:44-47) | Slideshow  The Wind |  | Prayer to the Holy Spirit  Glory be to the Father |
| **THEME 8**  **Jesus**  **is Still With Us** | **Lesson 3**  **‘Go and share the Good News’** | Understand ‘mission’  We are missioned to follow Jesus…  Tell about the Society  Of Missionary Children… | Be able to respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit to love as Jesus asks… | Pentecost  *Acts (2:44-47)* | Video:  The Holy Spirit helps Jesus’ Friends… | Song:  The Spirit of God is upon Us | Prayer to the Holy Spirit |
| **THEME 9**  **Creation** | **Lesson 1**  **God made the World** | Tell the story of Creation in their own words…  Consider their response to the gifts of God’s creation… | Develop the sense of wonder and reverence for God’s Creation…  Appreciate their own dignity and worth as created and loved by God… | Gn. 1:1-13  Gn. 1:14-25 |  |  | Glory be to the Father |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **God made us…we are special** | Explore how each person is special…  Interdependence of people…  Memorise “God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased.”  *(Genesis 1:31)* | Appreciate their interdependence upon one another, upon the earth and upon God.  Desire to respect others and all that God created. | Genesis 1:25-26 | Story:  ‘Toto and Marley’ | Song:  Gifts from God |  |
| **THEME 10**  **Grow in Love** | **Lesson 1**  **Living in Love** | The implications of the Law of Love.  Think of times you showed love to others…  Times when people showed you love… | Respond to the commandment of Jesus to love one another… | John (13:34-35*)*  *Love one another* | Poem:  Love One Another | Song:  Grow in Love |  |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **Growing in Love** | Reflect on their experience of the year.  Discuss ways of following the Law of Love. | Appreciate their desire to follow the Law of Love. |  |  | Song  Grow in Love | Prayer Service |

**SEASONAL LESSONS**

**The Seasonal Lessons are in keeping with**

**the Liturgical Calendar**

1. **The Rosary** *October*
2. **Celebrating the Saints** *1 November*
3. **Lent** *Ash Wednesday*
4. **St. Patrick** *17 March*
5. **Inter-Religious education Lesson** *Third Term*