**PRIMARY 4 - Second Class:** ***GROW IN LOVE***

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| **Theme** | **Lessons** | **Learning Objectives** | **Faith Formation Goals** | **Scripture** | **Story** | **Song** | **Prayer** |
| **Theme 1**  **Called**  **and**  **Chosen** | **Lesson 1**  **Our Class –**  **a circle of friends** | Identify the defining characteristics of their class.  Reflect on the ways in which Jesus is their friend… | That the children would begin to see Jesus as their friend… |  | Poem:  My Friend | Circle of Friends | Morning  Prayer |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **Jesus chose followers** | Reflect on being a leader and a follower…  Reflect on the ways in which the twelve apostles showed that they were friends of Jesus… | Become aware that Jesus calls them personally to be his disciples…  Their desire to follow Jesus… | Mk.1:16-20,  3: 13-14,  16-19 |  |  | Night Prayer  Prayer Service |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **We are Jesus’ followers** | Reflect on the different parts of the Baptismal ceremony…  Identify ways they can live as followers of Jesus… | Appreciate that God chose them at Baptism to be followers of Jesus… |  | Video:  Rory’s Baptism | Baptism  Song  Quiet and Still |  |
| **Theme 2**  **Jesus** | **Lesson 1**  **Jesus: healer, helper, friend…** | Identify Nazareth, Bethlehem, Jerusalem and the Sea of Galilee on a map of Israel…  State what they believe is the best thing about Jesus…  Name events in the life of Jesus which happened near the Sea of Galilee … | That the children would encounter Jesus in Bible stories… |  | Video:  The Sea of Galilee |  | Our Father |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **Jesus heals Simon Peter’s mother-in-law** | The Healing of Simon’s mother-in-law…  Reflect on they can use their hands to bring a healing touch to someone… | That they would experience Jesus’ healing presence in their own lives… | Healing Peter’s mother-in-law  Mk 1:29-31 | Poem:  She’s Well Again | Song:  Lay Your Hands | Prayer Service |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **Jesus heals Jairus’ daughter** | Reflect on loss and grief…  Consider on how & why  Jairus kept his faith in Jesus…  Explore the words “Don’t be afraid. Only believe.”  Retell the story… | Be open to the Risen Jesus’ healing presence in their own lives…  Nurture hope of the promise of eternal life… | Mark 5:21-24, and 35-43 | Story  The Missing Dog |  | Glory be to  the Father |
| **Theme 2**  **Jesus** | **Lesson 4**  **Jesus gives his followers the Law of Love…** | Recall the ways Jesus showed love to others…  Discuss ways of showing love to their classmates…  Explore the value of both showing and receiving love… | Come to value Jesus’ teachings in word and deed… | Love one another  John 13:34-35 |  |  | Our  Father |
|  | **Lesson 5**  **At Mass, Jesus’ followers gather together…** | Sunday as followers of Jesus we gather together…  Ministries…priest, altar servers, sacristan, choir etc. | Desire to keep the Lord’s holy by going to Mass… |  | Video:  Introductory Rites |  | Gathering Song |
| **Theme 3**  **Advent**  **And**  **Christmas**  **Advent**  **And**  **Christmas** | **Lesson 1**  **Prepare the way of the Lord**  **Lesson 2**  **Messengers**  **of God** | Define a prophet as a person chosen by God to give a special message…  The purpose of the Season of Advent…  Suggest and discuss ways of preparing for Christmas…  Name angels as messengers of God…  Angel came to Mary and the Shepherds… | Prepare for Christmas in a meaningful way during Advent…  Celebrate their friendship with Jesus by recalling and celebration his birth…  Prepare their hearts and minds for the birth of Jesus | Luke 2:8-15  The Angels appear to the Shepherds | Poem:  Prepare, Prepare | Prepare Ye  Angels We have Hear on High | Hail Mary  Pray the Joyful Mystery …The Annunciation |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **The Birth of Jesus** | Wonder about the kind of person Jesus was…  Compare Jesus and King Herod…  Discuss and retell the story of the Three Wise Men | To experience Christmas as a celebration of the birth of Jesus… | Matthew 2  Visitors from the East |  | Follow the Star |  |
| **Theme 4**  **We Hear the Word of God at Mass** | **Lesson 1**  **Nothing is**  **Impossible with God** | Story of David and Goliath was one Jesus heard…  Challenges they may encounter in their own lives… | Begin to understand that faith in God enables us to do extraordinary things… | Psalm 23  The Lord is my Shepherd  The Story of David and Goliath  1 Sam 17:1-52 | Poem:  David and Goliath | The Lord,  He is my Shepherd |  |
| **We Hear the Word of God at Mass** | **Lesson 2**  **At Mass we listen** | Name the stories that Jesus heard when he was a boy…  Recall their favourite Bible stories…  Recite the responses for the different readings contained in the Liturgy of the Word…  Pray Psalm 23  Participate in the Prayer Service on this theme… | Desire to participate more actively in the Mass |  | Video:  Psalm 23 | The Lord,  He is my Shepherd  Alleluia! | Our Father *(with actions)*  *Responses to: the Readings and the Gospel.* |
| **Theme 5**  **Reconciliation** | **Lesson 1**  **Choices** | Recall Jesus’ command to love God and to love others…  The need to say sorry to God and to others…  Explore good and bad choices and the consequences… | That the children would decide to follow Jesus in their moral lives… | Mt. 22:34-40  Jesus teaches us. |  | I’m Sorry, God | Act of Sorrow  Confiteor |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **Zacchaeus made bad choices** | Describe Zacchaeus before he met Jesus…  What did Zacchaeus promise to do after he met Jesus…  Tell the story of Zacchaeus…  How did Zacchaeus behave after meeting Jesus… | Develop an understanding of how they sin and their need for God’s forgiveness…  Respond to God’s love by saying sorry when they do what is wrong… |  | Video:  Sacrament of Reconciliation Part 1 and  Part 2 | Zacchaeus  I’m Sorry, God | Confiteor |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **We can be forgiven** | Identify times when they do wrong…  The 5 steps in the Rite of the Sacrament of Reconciliation…  How people can make up for something they did which was wrong… | Develop an understanding of how they sin and of their ned for God’s forgiveness…  Respond to God’s love by saying sorry when they do what is wrong... |  |  | Zacchaeus | Confiteor  Act of Sorrow |
| **Theme 6**  **At Mass, We Give Thanks & We receive Holy Communion**  **Theme 6**  **At Mass, We Give Thanks & We receive Holy Communion** | **Lesson 1**  **‘Do this in memory of Me’**  **Lesson 2**  **At Mass, we thank God** | Discuss the act of washing of feet…  Who are the people who follow Jesus’ command to wash feet…  Discuss how they can follow Jesus…  Reflect on the things for which we are thankful for…  Chat about the Preparation of the Gifts at Mass… | That the children would desire to act as followers of Jesus…  Express gratitude to God for the gift of Jesus …  and for all that we have and enjoy… | The Washing of Feet  *John (13:3-5, 12-17)*  *Mt (26:26-29)*  *Mk (12:12-17)*  *Lk (22:7-19)* | Video: Preparation of the Gifts | The Last Supper  Song:  Eat This Bread | Grace before Meals…  Grace after Meals…  Prayer before Communion |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **At Mass, we receive Holy Communion** | Sequence the actions of  the Mass…  Demonstrate the correct way to receive Holy Communion…  Discuss the Real presence of Jesus in Holy Communion | Appreciate the importance of the Mass…  Reverence the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist…  Reverence for the Holy Communion… |  | Sequence of the Mass…  Fast for 1 hour  before  Communion  How to receive Holy Communion  with reverence |  | Sanctus/ Holy, Holy  Prayer after Communion |
| **Theme 7**  **Holy Week and Easter** | **Lesson 1**  **The death of Jesus** | Recall their own experiences of betrayal and denial…  Identify the Stations of the Cross as pictures of the story of Jesus’ death…  Tell the story of Peter’s denial of Jesus…  The Cross is an image of Jesus’ love for God and for us… | Appreciate the cross as a sign of love. | Judas betrays Jesus  Lk.(22:47-54)  Peter denies knowing Jesus  Lk. (22: 54-62) | Poem:  Stations of the Cross |  | Act of Sorrow |
| **Theme 8**  **We can live as Jesus asked** | **Lesson 1**  **‘I am with you always’** | Recall Jesus’ promise to be with them always… | Become aware that Jesus’ promise to be with his disciples extends to them… | Mt (28:20)  John (14: 16-17) |  |  | The Rosary  Glory be to the Father |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **‘I will send a helper’** | The story of Pentecost  Identify wind and fire as symbols of the Holy Spirit.  Wonder about the effect of the Holy Spirit on their own lives… | That the children become aware of the activity of the Holy Spirit in their own lives… | Pentecost  Acts (2: 1-8, 12) |  | The Spirit of God is upon us |  |
|  | **Lesson 3**  **‘Go and share the Good News’** |  |  |  | Story:  Society of Missionary Children |  | Prayer to the  Holy Spirit |
| **Theme 9**    **Creation** | **Lesson 1**  **God created us** | Creation Story in Genesis…  Gifts they have received from God…  Using our gifts and talents to contribute to society… | Appreciate that their gifts and talent have  Been given to them by God… | Adam and Eve  Genesis ( 2:8, 3:1-3, 5-6, 11-13, 23) |  | Gift from God |  |
|  | **Lesson 2**  **God wants us to be happy** | Consider how they can play a part in making the world as God wants it to be… | Begin to recognise their own role in making the world as God wants it to be… |  |  |  | Our Father |

**SEASONAL LESSONS**

**The Seasonal Lessons are in keeping with**

**the Liturgical Calendar**

**Lesson:** The Rosary (October)

**Lesson:** Celebrating the Saints (November)

**Lesson:** Lent (Ash Wednesday)

**Lesson:** St. Brigid

**Lesson:** Inter- Religious Education Lesson