Religious Education Newsletter

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Galilee to Jerusalem

The information below gives an overview of the third 'branch' that is being taught in EYFS - Year 4 in Religious Education during the first half of the Spring Term - *Galilee to Jerusalem*. It also outlines the learning taking place in Year 5 and Year 6. Please take the time to talk to your child about their understanding of the topics covered and share the 'Learning at home' suggested activities with them. We would love to see these being completed on 'X'.

EYFS

The children will know about the feast of the Epiphany when the three wise men visited Jesus in Bethlehem. They will learn about how Jesus grew up in a loving family with Mary and Joseph and that his life as a child links with their own. They will know that Jesus welcomed little children and loved them. They will understand that Jesus shows his love for us throughout his life.

YEARS 1 AND 2

In Key Stage 1, children will know that the three wise men visited the baby Jesus at Bethlehem. They will listen to scripture retelling Jesus being presented in the temple and how, when a young boy, he was found preaching there by his parents. They will know that Jesus called his disciples and showed his love for those who need it most through the story of Zacchaeus. They will understand the importance of saying sorry and forgiveness and how John the Baptist was an important prophet and the person who baptised Jesus.

Don't forget to follow @stambcathlife to see all of the wonderful work being done in R.E. by your amazing children as well as seeing how we put our mission into practice:

'With Jesus, we plant the seed of tomorrow.'

YEARS 3 AND 4

Children learn about the importance of the visit of the three kings to Jesus in Bethlehem. They will know that their visit signifies that Jesus came for the whole world. They will understand some of the miracles that Jesus performed and learn about some of the parables (stories) that he told to teach people lessons about how they should live their lives. They will begin to understand the Nicene Creed – a way that we profess our faith each week during mass and that Jesus came for everyone in the world – in particular those who are excluded by society.

YEARS 5 AND 6

In Year 5, children are learning about the importance of mission. They will know that Jesus' mission was to spread love throughout the world and how he carried out this mission with the help of his disciples. They will learn about the mission that our Archdiocese has and how this is lived throughout our local area.

They will begin learning about the eucharist being a memorial sacrifice of Jesus' death and resurrection. In Year 6, the children will know that the bible is a holy book. They will investigate how to look up scripture passages and how there are different editions of the bible. They will then start their work on unity, showing an understanding of how their own and others' decisions about friendships are informed by beliefs and values.

HOME LEARNING ACTIVITIES

- https://www.redtedart.com/kids-crafts-3-kings/ Follow this link and create your own version of the three wise men who visited Jesus in Bethlehem.
- Create your own 'Zacchaeus in a tree' plate https://ministry-to-children.com/craft-ideas-for-the-story-of-zacchaeus-luke-191-10/
- Draw around your foot and decorate as if you are walking on water. Write a message to Jesus inside the foot outline.
- https://liverpoolmetrocathedral.org.uk/ Find out as much as you can about out Metropolitan Cathedral.

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