

Grow in Love – First Class

THEME	LESSON	BIBLE/SAINT	SONG	PRAYER	MEMORISATION	AT HOME
1. Belonging	1. We belong together	'God is Always with Us' (Is 49:15)	'Together Again'	<i>Morning Prayer</i>		Reflect on how God is with us and pray <i>Morning Prayer</i> together
	2. We belong to the Church	Baptism	'Baptism Song'	<i>Night Prayer</i>		Chat about your child's baptism; make sign of the cross on their forehead' pray <i>Night Prayer</i> together
	3. God loves us	'God loves us" (Jer 31:3)			'My love for you will never end' (Jeremiah 31:3)	Chat about Jeremiah's message about God and how we can share it with others
2. Jesus	1. Jesus		'When Jesus was a Boy'	<i>Our Father (1)</i>		Chat about favourite Gospel stories
	2. Jesus had many friends	'Jesus and the Fisherman' (Lk 5:1-7,9-11) 'Jesus and Matthew' (Mk 2:13-19, Mt 9:9)		<i>Our Father (2)</i>	<i>Our Father</i>	Read poem about Jesus. Name how we can show others we are friends of Jesus
	3. Jesus healed people	'Jesus Heals a Man who is Paralysed' (Mt 9:1-2, 6-8; Mk 2:1-4, 10-12)	'Circle of Friends'	<i>Our Father</i>		Read the story together; chat and pray about how to show love
	4. Jesus taught his friends how to live	'The Woman who Gave all' (Lk 21:1-4; Mk 12:41-44)				Chat and pray about the value of sharing and ways of achieving it

	5. At Mass, Jesus' friends gather together		'Gathering Song'		PRAYER SERVICE: JESUS	Read and Practice the responses from the Introductory Rite of the Mass. Participate in Mass as a family
3. Advent & Christmas	1. Waiting for the light	'The People who Walked in Darkness' (Is 9:2) 'Anna and Simeon' (Lk 2: 25,36)				'The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light' (Is 9:2) Chat and pray about things to do while waiting to celebrate the birth of Jesus on Christmas Day
	2. Jesus is the light	'The Annunciation' (March 25) 'The Visitation' (Lk 1:39-45)	'Silent Night'	<i>Hail Mary</i>		Chat about visits to relatives and friends who live far away; Pray <i>Hail Mary</i>
	3. The wait is over	'The Birth of Jesus' (Lk 2:1-7) 'The Shepherds' (Lk 2:8-10) 'The Wise Men' (Mt 2:1, 9-11)			PRAYER SERVICE: ADVENT & CHRISTMAS	Think about how to celebrate Christmas and pray together
4. We Hear the Gospel at Mass	1. All who heard him were amazed	'The Holy Family' 'The Boy Jesus in the Temple' (Lk 2:41-51)		<i>The Rosary</i>		Reflect on how to respect our family; Pray a decade of <i>The Rosary</i>
	2. We listen to the Gospel at Mass	'The Gospel'	'Alleluia' Threefold <i>Sign of the Cross</i> Gesture		PRAYER SERVICE: WE HEAR THE GOSPEL AT MASS	Dialogue before & after the Gospel Read the responses before & after the Gospel; Recall a favourite Gospel story and pray together
5. Reconciliation	1. We can lose our way			<i>Act of Sorrow</i>	<i>Act of Sorrow</i>	Read Shauna's story and chat about times when we did not love others; Pray <i>Act of Sorrow</i>

	2. The lost sheep	'Parable of the Lost Sheep' (Mt 18:12-14)	'The Lord, He is My Shepherd (Psalm 23)'	<i>Psalm 23</i>		Chat about the Parable of the Lost Sheep; Pray Psalm 23 together
	3. We celebrate God's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation	Sacrament of Reconciliation	'I'm Sorry'	<i>Act of Sorrow</i> PRAYER SERVICE: RECONCILIATION		Read or sing 'I'm Sorry'; chat about the sacrament of Reconciliation; pray together thanking God for his forgiveness
6. Celebrating Mass	1. We offer gifts	Eucharist The Mass Preparation of the Gifts	'We Come to You, Lord Jesus'	<i>Our Father</i> (with actions)	<i>Prayer before Communion & Prayer after Communion</i>	Reflect on the <i>Preparation of the Gifts</i> ; Chat about gifts we offer God
	2. 'Do this in memory of me'	'Jesus Visits Martha and Mary' (Lk 10:38-42) 'The Last Supper' (Mt 26:26-28)		<u><i>Prayer before Communion</i></u>		Read and pray <i>Prayer before Communion</i>
	3. We are nourished by receiving Holy Communion			<u><i>Prayer after Communion</i></u> PRAYER SERVICE: EUCHARIST		Read and pray <i>Prayer after Communion</i> ; talk about how to respect Holy Communion
7. Holy Week & Easter	1. Jesus in Jerusalem	'Jesus comes into Jerusalem' (Jn 12:12-14) 'Jesus is Crucified' (Lk 22:54, 23:1, 24, 33, 40-46)	'Sanctus'		<i>Sanctus</i>	Reflect on the meaning of Holy Week; Pray the <i>Sanctus</i> together
	2. Jesus is risen!	'Mary Magdalene and the Risen Jesus' (Jn 20:1, 11-16, 18)	'Alleluia, Alleluia: Give Thanks'			Read the story about Mary Magdalene meeting the Risen Jesus. How would Mary have felt in these moments?

8. Jesus is still with us	1. 'I am with you always'	From Crucifixion to Ascension 'Jesus' Last Words' (Mt 28:19-20; Jn 14:16, 26)	'Christ be Beside Me'			Reflect on how Jesus is with us every day. Thank Jesus for his constant presence
	2. 'I will send a helper'	'Pentecost' (Acts 2:44-47)		<i>Glory be to the Father</i> <i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i>		Think about how the Holy Spirit is our helper; Pray the <i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i>
	3. 'Go and share the Good News'	'After Pentecost' (Acts 2:44-47)	'The Spirit of God is Upon Us'	<i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i> PRAYER SERVICE: JESUS IS STILL WITH US		Chat about how to continue the work of Jesus each day
9. Creation	1. God made the world	'Creation Story' – Part I (Gn 1:1-13) 'Creation Story' – Part II (Gn 1:14-25) <i>"Making something from nothing"</i>		<i>Glory be to the Father</i>	'God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased' (Gen 1:31)	Explore the Creation Story – what is your favourite part; Pray <i>Glory be to the Father</i>
	2. God made us . . . we are special	'Creation Story' – Part III (Gn 1:25-26)	'Gifts from God'	PRAYER SERVICE: CREATION		How do we care for the world? Commit to one additional thing to do for the next week.
10. Grow in Love	1. Living in Love	'Love One Another' (Jn 13:34-35)	'Grow in Love'			
	2. Growing in Love	We Learned from the Bible	'Together Again'	PRAYER SERVICE: GROW IN LOVE		

SEASONAL LESSONS						
	1. The Rosary (October)			Hail Mary PRAYER SERVICE: THE ROSARY		Chat about how to pray <i>The Rosary</i> ; Pray a decade of the <i>Rosary</i> together
	2. Celebrating the Saints (1 November)	St Thérèse of Lisieux	'This Little Light of Mine'	PRAYER SERVICE: FEAST OF ALL SAINTS		Read the story of St Thérèse. Chat about what we can do with 'great love' this week
	3. Lent (Ash Wednesday)			PRAYER SERVICE: ASH WEDNESDAY		Chat about how to turn towards God at this time
	4. St Patrick (17 March)	The Life of Patrick St Patrick's Fire	'Christ be Beside Me'	PRAYER SERVICE: ST PATRICK		Read St Patrick's story; chat about those who tell us about God
	5. Inter-Religious Education Lesson (Term 3)		'Baruch Atah'	PRAYER SERVICE: INTER-RELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING		Read about differing Religions