

Grow in Love – Junior Infants

THEME	LESSON	BIBLE/SAINT	SONG	PRAYER	AT HOME
1. My Family	1. I have a name		“I Have a Name”	<i>Sign of the Cross</i>	Names of People in our Family
	2. I have a family		“They Care for Me”	<i>Morning Prayer</i> (1) Using our “inside Voice”	A Picture or Photo of our Family
	3. I can share in one family		“They Care for Me”	<i>Morning Prayer</i> (2)	“A Cupful of Kindness” and a prayer
	4. We are all in one family		Additional Song: “Quiet and Still”	<i>Morning Prayer</i> (3) PRAYER SERVICE: MY FAMILY	Ways We Show Love & Morning Prayer
2. Our World	1. God created the world	Creation Story - Parts I-III		Spontaneous Prayer	Read and chat about God’s Creation
	2. God created us . . . we are special!	Creation Story – Part IV	“I am Special”	<i>Glory Be . . .</i>	Reflect on Creation; Pray <i>Glory Be!</i>
	3. We can care for the world	St Francis Cared for Creation		<i>Glory Be . . .</i> PRAYER SERVICE: OUR WORLD	Chat about how we can care for our world
3. Advent and Christmas	1. God gives us good news!	Mary; Mary’s Good News		<i>Prayer to Our Guardian Angel</i>	Read and chat about “Mary’s Good News”
	2. We get ready to welcome Jesus		“Come, Lord Jesus”	<i>Prayer to Our Guardian Angel</i>	Chat about how “we get ready” for Jesus
	3. The good news: Jesus is born!	Jesus is Born	“Away in a Manger”		Read and chat about “Jesus is Born”

	4. Visitors to the stable	Visitors to the Stable; More Visitors to the Stable		PRAYER SERVICE: ADVENT & CHRISTMAS	Assemble the Christmas Crib
4. The Holy Family	1. The Holy Family lived in Nazareth	The Holy Family; Daniel and the Lions	“When Jesus Was a Boy”	<i>Night Prayer</i> (1)	Chat about the Holy Family and your family
	2. The Holy Family visited Jerusalem	The Boy Jesus in the Temple		<i>Night Prayer</i> (2) PRAYER SERVICE: HOLY FAMILY	A happy time for your family; pray <i>Night Prayer</i>
5. Jesus	1. Jesus and the children	Jesus and the Children	“Jesus Loves Children”		Read Poem: “Jesus Blessed the Children”; bless your own child
	2. Jesus is the Good Shepherd	Jesus is the Good Shepherd (Parts I & II)		Psalm 23	Chat about how Jesus cares; Prayer Psalm 23
	3. Jesus teaches us	Jesus Teachers Us	“The Gift of Love”	Spontaneous Prayer	Fill in what “Jesus said . . .” about loving God and other people
	4. We can live as Jesus taught us		“Grow in Love”; “The Gift of Love”	PRAYER SERVICE: JESUS	How “I can show love”
6. Holy Week and Easter	1. The Last Supper	The Last Supper		<i>Grace Before Meals</i>	Pray before and after your meals
	2. Jesus dies on the cross	Jesus Dies on the Cross			Read and chat about “Jesus Dies on the Cross”
	3. An Easter Surprise	An Easter Surprise	“Alleluia”	PRAYER SERVICE: HOLY WEEK & EASTER	Chat about celebrating Easter this year

7. The Church	1. Places to pray		“The Church”	<i>Morning Prayer</i>	Setting up a Prayer Space at home
	2. The church – a special place to pray			<i>Night Prayer</i> PRAYER SERVICE: THE CHURCH	Read “The Church”: and plan to make a visit to the Church together
8. Water	1. Water is wonderful		“Water”	<i>Glory Be . . .</i>	Chat and pray about the gift of water
	2. Welcomed with water			PRAYER SERVICE: WATER	Chat about your child’s baptism and who was there. Add a photo of the baptism
9. We Give Thanks	1. Thank you, God, for food			<i>Grace before Meals & <u>Grace after Meals</u></i>	Chat about yours Meals; Pray before and after your meals
	2. At Mass we give thanks	God Created the World		PRAYER SERVICE: WE GIVE THANKS	Chat about what we are thankful for
SEASONAL LESSONS					
	1. Autumn (Sept. or Oct.)			PRAYER SERVICE: AUTUMN	Chat about the change Autumn brings
	2. In November, we remember (November)		“Remember Them”	PRAYER SERVICE: IN NOVEMBER, WE REMEMBER	Chat together about a person who died. Draw a picture or paste a photo of the person they would like to remember
	3. St Patrick (17 th March)	St Patrick (Parts I & II)		PRAYER SERVICE: ST PATRICK	Read and chat about St Patrick

	4. Lent (Ash Wednesday)			<i>Prayer to Our Guardian Angel</i> PRAYER SERVICE: LENT	Read and chat about “I can share”
	5. Mary (May)		“When Creation was Begun”	PRAYER SERVICE: MARY	Recall four stories about Mary; How can we honour Mary in the month of May; pray for all mothers, godmothers and grandmothers
	6. Summer (June)		“Summertime”	PRAYER SERVICE: SUMMER	
	7. Grow in Love (Last week of school)	Stories from the Bible	“Grow in Love”; “I Have a Name”	<i>Glory Be . . .</i> PRAYER SERVICE: GROW IN LOVE	