

Grow in Love – Fourth Class

THEME	LESSON	BIBLE/SAINT	KEY WORDS	SONG	PRAYER	MEMORISATION	AT HOME
1. God	1. God has a plan for us	The story of Creation. Bible Timeline	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genesis • Covenant • Angels 	Salvation Song		Preface Dialogue	New beginnings; the Creation story in the Bible and God's plan for the world and for each of us
	2. God's Promise to Abram	God's Call to Abram (Gen 12:1-2, 4-7). God's Covenant with Noah (Gen 9:8-17). Bible Timeline				Psalms 100:5	Noah, Abram and Sarai are called put their trust in God and so are we!
	3. God's Covenant with Abraham	St John Paul II. God's Covenant with Abraham (Gen 17:1-8, 15-22). Names and Titles of God. Bible Timeline				Genesis 17:7	God's plan challenged Abraham and Sarah. God's Covenant with them is an everlasting Covenant. St Teresa Of Avila teaches that God is always with us and God is all we really need.
2. The Bible	1. The Bible, Our Sacred Scripture	Fact File: New Testament I. Book of Durrow and Book of Kells. John 1:1-5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Bible • Testament • New Testament • Gospel • Evangelists • Prophets • Iconography 	Trust in the Lord (Psalm 37). Bible Rap (see <i>Grow in Love</i> 3 rd Class)	Prayer on opening the Bible. Prayer on closing the Bible.	The number of Gospels and who wrote them	The Bible is a library with two main parts to it. Christians treat it with reverence and respect.
	2. The New Testament	Fact File: New Testament II.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts of the Apostles • Letters or Epistles • Book of Revelation (Apocalypse) 	Bible Rap		1Cor 13:4	There are 27 books in the New Testament and Jesus is at the heart of it.

3. Jesus	1. The Parable of the Mustard Seed	The Parable of the Mustard Seed (Lk 13:18-19).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parable • Kingdom of God 	Parable of the Mustard Seed.		"The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed that grows and becomes a tree"	How small seeds can change and develop and become significant. The Kingdom of God is often like this.
	2. The Parable of the Good Samaritan	The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Lk 10:25-37). <i>Visio Divina</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbour • Priest (in the time of Jesus) • Levites • Road to Jericho • Jews • Samaritans • Jews and Samaritans 	The Neighbour Song (see <i>Grow in Love</i> 3 rd Class). Parable of the Good Samaritan	<i>Visio Divina</i>	Lk 10:27	What it means to be a good neighbour. Loving God and loving our neighbour.
	3. The Parable of the Lost Coin	St Anthony. The Parable of the Lost Sheep. The Parable of the Lost Coin (Lk 15:8-10).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coin • Grace • Sin • Repent 	Parable of the Lost Coin		Lk 15:10	What it is like to feel lost inside. God is always overjoyed when those lost from his love decide to return to him. St Anthony" Lost Book
	4. The Parable of the Widow and the Judge	The Parable of the Widow and the Judge (Lk 18:1-8).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widow • Faith • Serenity 	Parable of the Widow and the Judge		Psalm 36:7	Its takes persistence and patience in prayer to seek what is good and just for ourselves and others.
4. Advent & Christmas	1. Zechariah & Elizabeth	The Birth of John is announced (Lk 1:8, 11, 13-25). The Annunciation (Lk 1:28-28).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liturgy • Liturgical Year • Advent • Nativity • Servant 	O Come, O Come Emmanuel	The Angelus	Luke 1:37	The Advent season in the life of faith. The parents of John the Baptist, Zechariah and Elizabeth, have an important place in the Advent season.
	2. The Epiphany	St Lucy Visitors from the East (Mt 2:1-12)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Epiphany • Holy Days of Obligation • Martyr 	Oíche Chiúin		Matthew 2:11	The Three Wise Men follow the star to find Jesus. The story of St Lucy and the light of Christ

<p>5. Trusting God</p>	<p>1. Trust in God</p>	<p>Aaron and Moses before the King of Egypt (Ex 5:1-9, 10:3-14, 16-20). The Crossing of the Red Sea (Ex 14:5-31).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sacrifice • Hebrews • Locust • Advocate • Easter Vigil 	<p>The Great Commandment</p>		<p>Psalm 37:3</p>	<p>Trusting God when he calls us. The experience of making and keeping promises. God promises to be with us always.</p>
	<p>2. Live by the Ten Commandments</p>	<p>The Covenant at Sinai (Ex 19:3-8) The Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1-17)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covenant • Commandment 			<p>Psalm 31</p>	<p>The Covenant God makes with Moses and his people. Focus on seven of the Ten Commandments.</p>
	<p>3. Take care of the Web of Life</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To covet • Interdependent • Web of Life • Steward 	<p>All things bright and beautiful</p>		<p>The Tenth Commandment</p>	<p>Living by the Tenth Commandment. Being part of the web of life and being stewards of creation.</p>
	<p>4. Living the Commandment of Love</p>	<p>The New Commandment; The Great Commandment; The Golden Rule</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discrimination • Dignity 	<p>Use what you're given</p>		<p>The Golden Rule (Luke 6:31)</p>	<p>Being fair to everyone while exploring the different talents and abilities God gives to each person.</p>
<p>6. Building God's Kingdom</p>	<p>1. I have a conscience. I can choose</p>	<p>The Ten Commandments <i>Lectio Divina</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conscience • Grace • Lectio Divina 	<p>Use what you're given</p>	<p><i>Lectio Divina</i></p>	<p><i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i></p>	<p>Making choices. How the Word of God informs our conscience correctly. Our choices impact on ourselves, others and environment around us.</p>
	<p>2. God's Kingdom grows through our love</p>	<p>The Parable of the Yeast (Mt 13:33). The Parable of the Hidden Treasure (Mt 13:44).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yeast • A bushel • Justice • Peace • Leavener 			<p>"We can help the Kingdom of God grow by acting justly, living peacefully, loving others, and caring for all of God's creation</p>	<p>Learning more about the Kingdom of God from the parables of Jesus. The values of justice, peace, mercy and love help the Kingdom of God to grow and flourish.</p>

		The Parable of the Pearl (Mt 13:45-46).					
7. Holy Week & Easter	1. "Do This in Memory of Me"	The First Passover (Ex 12:21-27). The Last Supper (Lk 22:13-20).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Passover • Ritual • Sprig of hyssop 	Taizé chant, <i>O Lord, Hear my Prayer</i>		Jn 6:35 "Do this in memory of me"	The origins of the Passover Meal. The Last Supper. The celebration of Holy Mass.
	2. Good Friday: Jesus dies on the Cross		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calvary (Golgotha) 	Jesus remember me (see <i>Grow in Love</i> 3 rd Class).	The Stations of the Cross	Lk 23:42	The Stations (Way) of the Cross. The importance of remembering Good Friday. The suffering of Jesus as he walked the way to Calvary.
	3. The Resurrection of Jesus	Peter & John at the Tomb (Jn 20:1-9). Jesus appears to his disciples (Jn 20:19-23).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Resurrection • Alleluia • Rabbi 	Regina Coeli		<i>Prayer of St Francis</i>	Mary Magdalene, Peter and John and the news of the Empty Tomb of Jesus. The joy of celebrating the Easter Resurrection of Jesus.
8. The Church	1. The Holy Spirit, Giver of Gifts	The Story of Pentecost (Acts 2:1-13). Gifts from the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 12:4-7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enkindle • Feast of Pentecost • Spiritual gifts • Missionary 	Come Holy Spirit		1 Cor 12:4,7	The impact of the first Pentecost. The gift of service as a gift of the Holy Spirit.
	2. The Church is one family of God	The unity of Christians (Eph 4:5-6).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christians • Ecumenism • Repent 	Come Holy Spirit		Ephesians 4:6	Being a team member on the team of Jesus Christ
	3. Continuing the mission of Jesus today	The Mission of Jesus (Lk 4:18-19)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mission • Mission of the Church • Missionaries 	Parish Anthem (see <i>Grow in Love</i> 3 rd Class).		<i>Prayer to the Holy Spirit</i>	What is the Church? The family is the "domestic church". Being a missionary of Christ in our home, our parish and our community.

	4. Working for Christian Unity		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christ • Methodist Church • Presbyterian Church • Roman Catholic Church • Orthodox Church 			<i>Agnus Dei</i>	The other Christian communities in our midst – Church of Ireland, Methodist, Presbyterian and Orthodox. Seeking to work together in unity on issues common to all.
9. The Pilgrim Church	1. Pilgrimages at Home and Abroad	Story of Croagh Patrick World Youth Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jubilee • Pilgrimage • Marian pilgrimage • Magnificat 	Magnificat		John 20:21	The meaning of pilgrimage – Croagh Patrick, Knock, Lourdes, Fatima. World Youth Day was started by St John Paul II.
	2. Our Lady of Guadalupe	The apparition of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The image on Juan Diego's <i>tilma</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apparition • Intercession • Indigenous 	A Mhuire Mháthair		Marian pilgrimages	Images of Our Lady from around the world. The story of our Lady and Juan Diego in Guadalupe. <i>The Memorare</i> is a very special prayer for Catholics.
10. Reconciliation	1. God forgives us	The Sacrament of Reconciliation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sin • Mortal Sin • Venial Sin • God's mercy and forgiveness • Unconditional love 	Song of Repentance		Psalms 116:5	God's relationship with us and how we can damage (venial sin) or destroy it (mortal sin). Going to the sacrament of Reconciliation and revitalising our relationship with God.
	2. God calls us to forgive others	Jesus' Teaching on Forgiveness (Mt 18:21-22). The Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (Mt 18:23-35).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trespass • Grace • Forgiveness 	Our Father		<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	Understanding God's love and forgiveness. Forgiving others is not always easy. Reflecting on the meaning of <i>The Lord's Prayer</i>

11. The Mass	1. At Mass we give thanks	Parts of the Mass. The role of the Priest at Mass. The Eucharistic Prayer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eucharist • Eucharistic Prayer • Consecration • Saviour/Redeemer 	Eat this Bread/ Ithigí an t-Arán Seo		The Mystery of Faith	Learning an attitude of thankfulness. Understanding the place of the <i>Eucharistic Prayer</i> in Holy Mass.
	2. We go to Mass to live like Jesus	The Communion Rite. The Dismissal Rite	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Celebrant • Deacon • Rite 	Christ be our Light		<i>The Concluding Rites at Mass</i>	How to participate in thanksgiving in Holy Mass every Sunday and be sent out on daily mission
SEASONAL LESSONS							
Eternal Life	1. Life with God forever in heaven	Eternal Life (1 Cor 13:12; 15:20, 54, 57)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eternal Life • Heaven • All Saints' Day • All Souls' Day • Communion of Saints • Memorial Cards 	The Cloud's Veil		<i>Prayer for those who have died</i>	St Paul's teaching on eternal life: life in Christ. This is God's promise to those who love God and love their neighbour.
St Brigid	1. Remembering St Brigid	St Brigid's Cross. St Brigid and the Dying Chieftain. St Brigid the Healer.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff • Abbey 	Hymn to St Brigid		Prayer associated with the St Brigid's Cross	Stories and symbols associated with St Brigid – woman of faith and courage.
PRAYER SERVICE FOR ASH WEDNESDAY							

Islam	1. Our Muslim brothers and sisters		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Islam • Allah • Qur'an • Prophet Muhammad • Imam • Wudu area • Hijab • Taqiyah • Rak'ah • Mihrab • Minbar 				Muslim belief in one God; Islamic daily prayer practices and reverence for the Qur'an.
Grow in Love	1. How we have grown in love!			Grow in Love			Summary of what has been learned this year. Favourite images, stories, poems and songs. Thanks be to God for your school, your teacher, your family and your faith.
11 Themes & 4 Seasonal Lessons	34 Lessons						