

Grow in Love – Senior Infants

| THEME | LESSON | BIBLE/SAINT | SONG | PRAYER | AT HOME |
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| 1. Our World | 1. God is with us | “God is Everywhere” (Psalm 139) | | <i>Sign of the Cross</i> | Read “God is with Me” and make the <i>Sign of the Cross</i> |
| | 2. God created our world | Creation Story – Parts I & II | “Thank you God, for Our World” | | Reflect on the use of the senses |
| | 3. Thank you, God, for our world | David Loved God’s World; “O God, How Great You Are” (Psalm 104) | | <i>Glory Be . . .</i> Using “Inside Voice” to pray | Read “David Loved God’s World” |
| | 4. God asks us to care for the world | Creation Story – Part II | “Caring for God’s World” Additional Song: “Quiet and Still” | <i>Morning Prayer</i> PRAYER SERVICE: OUR WORLD | Ways to care for our world & Morning Prayer |
| 2. We Belong | 1. I belong to my family | | | | Draw or Paste a picture of your family and chat |
| | 2. My family belongs in a community | | “Created by God” | | Chat about caring for the community |
| | 3. We all belong in one human family | Mother Teresa | | <i>Night Prayer</i> | Read story about Mother Teresa and chat |
| | 4. We can pray to God | Jesus Prays; Jesus Teaches His Friends to Pray | “Jesus Prayed to God” | <u><i>Our Father</i></u> PRAYER SERVICE: WE BELONG | Pray the prayer Jesus taught his friends – the <i>Our Father</i> |
| 3. Advent and Christmas | 1. Advent light | | “Advent Song (Light the Advent Candle)” | | Chat about winter and the colours and candles on the Advent wreath |

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| | 2. Mary says 'yes'! | The Angel's Announcement | "Mary" | <i>Hail Mary</i> (1) | Pray the <i>Hail Mary</i> |
| | 3. Jesus is born! | Jesus is Born | "Mary" | <i>Hail Mary</i> (2) | Read "The Present" poem and chat |
| | 4. Gifts for the baby | The Shepherds and the Angels; Gifts for the Baby | "Mary" | PRAYER SERVICE: ADVENT & CHRISTMAS | Chat about who visited the Stable and the gifts you would bring the Baby Jesus |
| 4. The Holy Family | 1. Simeon and Anna meet Jesus | Simeon and Anna Meet Jesus | "When Jesus was a Boy" | <i>Prayer to our Guardian Angel</i> | Chat about the Baby Jesus as God's greatest gift |
| | 2. Jesus grew up in Nazareth | | | <i>Night Prayer</i> (2) PRAYER SERVICE: HOLY FAMILY | Read "Jesus Lived in Nazareth" and pray the <i>Prayer to our Guardian Angel</i> |
| 5. St Brigid and the Spring | 1. St Brigid | St Brigid | "We Sing a Song to Brigid" | | Read "St Brigid" and chat; pray to St Brigid together |
| | 2. God cares for us in Spring | | | <i>Morning Prayer & Night Prayer</i> PRAYER SERVICE: ST BRIGID AND THE SPRING | Chat about the signs of Spring |
| 6. Jesus | 1. We listen to stories | Stories from the Bible Slideshow | | | Recall and chat about a story from when your child was younger. Pray for the people involved. |
| | 2. Jesus feeds the people | Jesus Feeds the People | "Miracle Song – The Loaves and Fish" | Bible Procession Ritual <i>Grace Before Meals;</i> | Chat about the generosity of the little |

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| | | | | <i>Grace After Meals</i> | boy; Pray <i>Grace Before and After Meals</i> |
| | 3. Jesus calms the storm | Jesus Calms the Storm | "Miracle Song –Jesus Calms the Storm" | <i>Our Father</i> (1) | Chat about how it feels to be in the storm and who to ask for help when afraid |
| | 4. Jesus heals the man who was blind | Jesus Helps a Man to See | "Miracle Song –Jesus Helps a Man to See" | <i>Our Father</i> (2) PRAYER SERVICE: JESUS | Read "Jesus Helps a Man to See" and pray in thanksgiving for the gift of sight and pray for those who cannot see |
| 7. Holy Week and Easter | 1. The Last Supper | The Last Supper | "The Last Supper" | | Draw "The Last Supper"; chat about how to respond to Jesus' words "Do this in memory of me" |
| | 2. Jesus dies on the cross | Stories from Jesus' Life (Slideshow); Jesus Dies on the Cross | | | Chat about the image of the Cross in our society; pray to share the love of Jesus with others |
| | 3. Jesus is alive! | Jesus is Alive | "Alleluia" | PRAYER SERVICE: HOLY WEEK & EASTER | How does it feel to know Jesus is Risen? Chat about celebrating Easter this year. Pray an <i>Alleluia prayer</i> |
| 8. The Church | 1. A place to gather | A House of Prayer | "The Church" | <i>Glory Be</i> | Chat about your local Church and draw a picture of it; Name |

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| | | | | | your parish and priests in the parish |
| | 2. A place of prayer | | | Blessing ourselves with Holy Water PRAYER SERVICE: THE CHURCH | Plan to make a visit to the Church together; make a drawing of it; chat about the practice of making a genuflection and showing respect in God's house. |
| 9. Baptism | 1. A Baby's Baptism | | "Baptism Song" | <i>Morning Prayer</i> | Chat about your child's baptism, the priest who baptised your child, and Church where it took place and the name you chose for your child. |
| | 2. John baptises the people | John the Baptist | | <i>Night Prayer</i> PRAYER SERVICE: BAPTISM | Chat about John the Baptist as a role-model to follow |
| 10. Grow in Love | 1. We can grow in love | Jesus Teaches Us | | <i>Our Father</i> | Chat about making good choices |
| | 2. We continue to grow in love | | | Memory Book for classroom Prayer Space PRAYER SERVICE: GROW IN LOVE | |
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| SEASONAL LESSONS | | | | | |
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| | 1. We remember (November) | | "Remember Them" | <i>"Eternal rest grant onto them O Lord. May they rest in peace"</i> PRAYER SERVICE: WE REMEMBER | Chat together about a person who died. Draw a picture or paste a photo of the person they would like to remember |
| | 2. Lent (Ash Wednesday) | | "Created by God" | <i>Prayer to Our Guardian Angel</i> PRAYER SERVICE: LENT | Read and chat about "I can share" |
| | 3. Mary (May) | The Life of Mary (Slideshow) | "When Creation was Begun" | <i>Hail Mary;</i> A May Altar PRAYER SERVICE: MARY | Chat about ways to honour Mary in the month of May; pray the <i>Hail Mary</i> together |