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Religious Education Curriculum Focus Areas – PREP

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During the year the students will engage in the following units of work. Class teachers will advise which units are being covered in the Term Overview, distributed at the start of each term.

How do we live in our school community?

Students listen and respond to stories of and about Jesus in the Gospels that tell of Jesus praying and teaching others to pray. They recognise ways in which believers pray either alone or with others, using word, music, action, silence, images, symbols and nature, and participate with respect in a variety of these prayer experiences, including meditative prayer, the Sign of the Cross, and Amen.

Students understand that prayer helps believers to follow the teachings of Jesus; to live according to God's plan.

How do we live in our world today?

Students listen and respond to stories of and about Jesus in the Gospels that tell of Jesus' life as a Jew, his mother Mary, his friends and family.

They identify connections between some Old Testament stories and their personal experience, including the experience of the goodness of creation.

What other stories do we hear in and see in our school community?

Students describe ways in which believers pray together during special celebrations and rituals that mark important times in the life of believers and in the Church year.

They listen and respond to stories of and about Jesus in the Gospels and of his suffering, death and resurrection.

What are the stories we share in our school community?

Students identify connections between some Old Testament stories and their personal experience, including the experience of the goodness of creation.

What do the stories of the Bible tell us about making good choices?

Students recognise Jesus' teachings about love, compassion and forgiveness that challenged people about the way they were living. They relate examples of people having the freedom to choose between good and bad, right and wrong.

How is the birth of Jesus remembered in the Church?

Students describe ways in which believers pray together during special celebrations and rituals that mark important times in the life of believers and in the Church year.