



Throughout the **Prep** year, students will investigate the big question: ***How do we celebrate our stories?*** They do this by engaging with the following units of work:

**WHAT IS AN ALL SAINTS SCHOOL?**

Students observe what makes their school and class special. They observe ways in which the school community gathers together for prayer and rituals for special celebrations, such as the Opening Liturgy, Ash Wednesday and Holy Week liturgy. They learn about the church as a sacred place and the Bible as a sacred book for believers. They are introduced to classroom prayer and learn the Sign of the Cross.

**HOW DO WE REMEMBER THE EASTER STORY?**

Students are introduced to the story of Easter and the liturgical season of Easter.

**HOW CAN I BE LIKE JESUS IN THE WORLD?**

Students learn about some New Testament stories that tell of a God of love and God's plan that people help each other to live safely and happily together, for the good of all. Students listen to, read and view stories of and about Jesus in the Gospels that tell of Jesus' life as a Jew and of his teachings about love, compassion and forgiveness that challenged people about the way they were living. They learn that Christians believe God created people with the freedom to choose between good and bad, right and wrong. They explore examples of times, from familiar texts and their personal experience, when people make these choices.

**HOW CAN WE KNOW ABOUT GOD? Part A - Creation**

What are the stories that we share in our school community? We are a Catholic school so we share stories from the Bible. The stories in the Bible tell us what God is like.

Students explore the stories of Creation in Genesis and engage in literacy activities and drama activities.

**HOW CAN WE KNOW ABOUT GOD? Part B – Joseph & David**

What are the stories that we share in our school community? We are a Catholic school so we share stories from the Bible. The stories in the Bible tell us what God is like. Students explore the stories of Joseph and David in the Old Testament and share how these stories of family help us know what God was like then and can be like for me today.

**HOW DO WE REMEMBER THE BIRTH OF JESUS?**

How is the birth of Jesus remembered in the Church? Students explore the infancy narratives through comparing and contrasting the accounts in Matthew and Luke. They continue to learn about the Liturgical year through an exploration of the colours and symbols of the season of Advent.