



Throughout **Year 1**, students will investigate the big question: ***What special messages are important to our community?*** They do this by engaging with the following units of work:

WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY?

Students begin to connect how people are called to live happily and safely in community. They explore the idea that we are made in the image and likeness of God. They create class covenants and recognise that we have choices and the freedom to choose right or wrong.

WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT JESUS?

Students explore the person of Jesus in the Gospels through identifying his mission and ministry. They investigate Jesus in the first century world - What did Jesus do and say?

Lent / Holy Week Easter

Students continue to explore the mission and ministry of Jesus through the events of Holy Week.

HOW CAN SACRAMENTS HELP US UNDERSTAND GOD?

Students explore the Sacraments of Eucharist and Baptism. They learn about living in community – school and parish. Why are sacraments important to the community of believers?

HOW DO THE STORIES OF THE PAST TELL US ABOUT GOD?

Students explore a range of stories in the Old Testament that can tell us about God and Creation. They describe how the Jewish people see God in their world and communicate how believers today can see God in our world today.

HOW DO WE REMEMBER THE STORY OF MARY?

Students investigate the story of Mary, woman of faith and mother of Jesus through key question such as: How is the story of Mary remembered today? Who was Mary? Where do we hear her story? Students explore devotions to Mary, Hail Mary, prayer beads/rosary beads, images of Mary.

Advent / Christmas

How is Mary's story remembered in the celebration of Christmas?