

## Curriculum. Religious Studies

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### Year 3

In Year 3 we draw on the knowledge of Bible stories gained by the children in pre-prep to begin to understand how different the environment and life in Palestine was in Jesus' time. We look at the early life of Jesus and one or two of his parables. The stories of the Crucifixion, Resurrection, Ascension, Pentecost and some of the early Christians are studied.

#### Michaelmas Term

Who is Jesus? God's son, his parents, qualities and life.

1. Palestine in the time of Jesus and how different it was from Israel today.
2. Living conditions, working conditions, farming in Palestine. Mary and Joseph's lives.
3. The Parables of the Sower and the Good Shepherd.

The Nativity story in more detail and its significance in the Christian church.

#### Lent Term

1. The political situation in Palestine at the time of Jesus.
2. The flight of the Holy Family to Egypt and the reasons why.
3. Jesus' early life in Nazareth.
4. The presentation of Jesus in the Temple.
5. The importance of the Synagogue and a place of worship and a school. A look at the Scrolls, the Torah and the Shema.
6. The importance of the Temple in Jerusalem and the idea of sacrifice when visiting.
7. Jesus is lost in the Temple. Events leading up to the Crucifixion and its importance in the Christian church.

#### Summer Term

1. The story and significance of the Resurrection.
2. The stories of the risen Jesus: the road to Emmaeus,
3. Doubting Thomas, fishing on the Sea of Galilee and breakfast on the shore.
4. The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven.
5. Pentecost and its importance as the beginning of the Christian church. 6. Saul's conversion to a Christian.

Some more parables:

Wise and Foolish Maidens, Wise and Foolish Builders.