

Curriculum. Religious Studies

Year 4

In Year 4 the Bible is introduced for the first time. Continuing the theme of Jesus' life a study of some of his miracles is undertaken. We study the significance of the saints in the Christian church. We begin the study of the Old Testament stories of God's people and great leaders.

Michaelmas Term

1. Introduction to the Bible, its division into two parts, contents of each part and its significance in the Christian world. New Testament:
2. Looking at conditions of living in Palestine at the time of Jesus. A study of Jesus' work healing the sick. (Paralysed man, Blind Bartimaeus, Ten Lepers, Centurion's servant).
3. The extent and influence of the Roman Empire in Palestine at that time.
4. Zacchaeus the tax collector and Matthew the tax collector who becomes a disciple of Jesus. A more detailed look at the Nativity story prior to Christmas

Lent Term

1. What is a saint and why the Christian church has saints. Significance of Patron saints and martyrs.
2. A look at the lives of various well known saints.
3. Saints relevant to the children's names.

Old Testament:

1. God's call to Abraham to lead his people. God's promise to Abraham.
2. God calls Abraham to sacrifice his only son Isaac.
3. Isaac, Esau and Jacob, Esau's selling of the birthright and Jacob's deception of his father.
4. Jacob's dream and God's promise to him. A look at the events leading up to the Crucifixion and its significance to Christians.

Summer Term

Easter as a major event in the Christian world. Old Testament:

1. Continuing the life of Jacob: in exile, his wives, his children and his return to Canaan.
2. Joseph's coat and his relationship with his brothers.
3. Joseph's life in Egypt, as a slave, his dreams and as Pharaoh's minister.
4. Famine in Canaan and the arrival of Joseph's family in Egypt.