

Curriculum. Religious Studies

Year 7

The first part of the Year 7 RS curriculum follows the 'Miracle Maker' and the children are taken through some of the key moments in Jesus' life with particular emphasis placed on the general political background to his life and work, with the occupation of the Holy Land by the Romans. The summer term is given over to a study of important Old Testament people such as Samuel, David and Solomon. The ISEB syllabus is followed closely and discussion on a range of contemporary issues arising from the texts is encouraged.

Michaelmas Term

1. The world that Jesus was born into - nativity stories revised - different groups of people at that time (e.g. zealots, Pharisees) - Roman occupation
2. John the Baptist - his birth - his role - his death
3. The Temptations of Jesus
4. The story of Martha, Mary and Lazarus - a look at the role of the Hospice movement
5. Lessons out of Doors - Love your enemies teaching - Parable of the 2 House Builders
6. The call of the disciples
7. Parables about God's kingdom - The Sower - The mustard seed etc.

Lent Term

1. Miracles of Healing - the paralysed man - the crippled woman
2. Other Miracle stories - Water into wine - Jesus calms the storm - Feeding of the 5000
3. The Request of James and John - Jesus as a suffering servant - Nature of Jesus' leadership
4. Case study of a leader who campaigned to make the world a better place (e.g. Nelson Mandela, Martin Luther King)
5. Events of Holy Week up to Jesus' arrest
6. Jesus' trial
7. The Crucifixion
8. The Resurrection Some of the above may need to be covered at a later date time allowing

Summer Term

1. The birth of Samuel and the role of the prophet
2. Samuel the king maker
3. David and Jonathan - issues of jealousy - qualities of a friend etc.
4. David and Bathsheba and Nathan's parable - abuse of power - role of media in scrutinizing our public figures - David's position as Israel's greatest king etc.
5. Solomon - his gift from God - a difficult case to solve - what it means to be 'wise' etc. - the division of the kingdom after his death
6. Catch up time and opportunity to research the life and work of another famous person