



St Vincent's
Catholic
Primary School

WHOLE SCHOOL OVERVIEW

PROPHECY AND PROMISE

A summary of learning from Reception to Year 6

Across the school, pupils explore God's promises, prophecy, Advent and the coming of Jesus through scripture, prayer, worship and action.

Discerning Disciples

RECEPTION

In this school, our work is God's work, every lesson, every moment, every child.



Children begin by hearing the Christmas story and learning that God keeps His promises. They meet Mary, the shepherds and the Nativity, learn about Advent, St Francis and the crib, Christmas around the world and how their gifts can help others.

YEAR 1



Pupils are introduced to the Bible as God's special book and hear the Good News about Jesus. They explore Mary's 'yes', the Visitation, Jesus' birth and the shepherds, pray words from the Hail Mary and Gloria, and learn that the Christmas story reveals God's love for the world.

YEAR 2



Pupils learn how prophets prepare people for Jesus. They meet Isaiah, Zechariah, Elizabeth and John the Baptist, explore Advent traditions and signs such as the Advent wreath, hear Isaiah's message of light; and learn about Mary as Mother of God and the Magnificat.

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

YEAR 3



Pupils explore Sunday as a holy day, the Mass and the Liturgy of the Word. They learn how angels bring God's messages, how Joseph trusts God, and how Isaiah's promise of Immanuel is fulfilled in Jesus through the signs of Advent and Christmas.

YEAR 4



Pupils learn about Christ the King, the Jesse Tree and Jesus' family line. They study Elijah and John the Baptist as prophets, explore God's covenant and faithfulness, compare Matthew and Mark on John the Baptist, and reflect on how Advent helps us prepare the way of the Lord.

YEAR 5



Pupils pray with the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and study David's life as shepherd, leader and king. They explore God's covenant with David, see how Jesus fulfils the promises to Abraham and David, and learn how the Psalms and O Antiphons deepen prayer in Advent.

YEAR 6



Pupils explore the importance of women in salvation history, including Sarah, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah and Esther. They learn why these women are true protagonists, study Mary as fulfilment of God's promises and Mother of God, reflect on the radical message of the Magnificat, and consider how women today respond to God's call.

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AT HOME

Ask your child what they have learned about God's promises, Advent and the coming of Jesus.

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RECEPTION PROPHECY AND PROMISE

♥ God keeps His promises ♥

The story of Jesus' birth

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WEEK 1
THE ANNUNCIATION



Mary is chosen by God. The angel Gabriel visits Mary and tells her she is going to have a special baby called Jesus, God's Son. Mary trusts God and says yes.

2

WEEK 2
ADVENT: LOVE IN ACTION



During Advent we think about hope, peace, joy and love. We show our love to God by doing good deeds for other people, just like Jesus does. Our good deeds help us get our hearts ready to welcome Jesus.

3

WEEK 3
JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD



Jesus is born in a stable and laid in a manger. Angels tell the shepherds to visit Jesus. The shepherds visit Jesus in the stable.

4

WEEK 4
ST FRANCIS AND THE CRIB



Christians decorate their house with a Nativity scene to help them remember baby Jesus being born. St Francis of Assisi made the first crib to show people the story of Jesus' birth using real animals and people. The first crib helped people understand that Jesus was born in a simple, humble place.

5

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



Various cultures celebrate Jesus' birthday in different ways; they are all special. Some people sing songs, some share food, and some act out the Nativity story. No matter how people celebrate, Christmas is always about Jesus being born.

6

OUR GIFTS HELP OTHERS



God creates us as one global family to support our brothers and sisters. All people can do some work to help themselves and to help others. Christmas is a time of year when it is especially important to show love to others.



We follow Jesus
and try to be
kind, loving
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TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

How was Mary brave? How can we show love in Advent?
How can our gifts help other people?



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YEAR 1

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♥ The Good News of Jesus ♥

Learning about God's love in the Christmas story

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TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

Which Bible story helps you know God?
How can we say 'Yes' like Mary?
What Good News about Jesus would you share with others?



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WEEK 1 THE BIBLE



The Bible is a special, holy book that tells us about God and how He loves everyone. The Bible has two parts: the Old Testament and the New Testament. The Gospels record the Good News that Jesus brings us.

2

WEEK 2 MARY SAYS YES



The Angel Gabriel announces to Mary that God is calling her to be Jesus' mother. Mary trusts God and says 'Yes' to His call, even when she is puzzled. Mary is a role model for Christians because she shows faith and trust in God.

3

WEEK 3 THE VISITATION



Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who is also expecting a baby, and they share their joy together.

4

WEEK 4 JESUS' BIRTH AND THE SHEPHERDS



Joseph and Mary travel to Bethlehem, where Jesus is born and placed in a manger because there is no room at the inn. Angels bring God's message to the shepherds, who hurry to see baby Jesus and then tell others the Good News.

5

THE HAIL MARY AND GLORIA



The Hail Mary begins with the words: 'Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.' It continues with: 'Blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.' The words of the Gloria praise God for bringing us the Good News and the message of peace.

6

GOD'S LOVE REVEALED



God loves the world so much. God sends His only Son, Jesus, into the world. The Christmas story shows God's love, and Christians celebrate Jesus' birth in many special ways.

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God's promises revealed through the prophets

Learning about God's plan of love in the Old Testament and New Testament

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1 WEEK 1 PROPHETS SHARE GOD'S MESSAGE



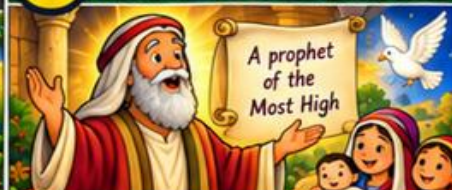
A prophet listens to God through the Holy Spirit and shares His message. Isaiah is a prophet in the Old Testament and tells people that a Saviour is coming. John the Baptist is a prophet who reveals Jesus' identity.

2 WEEK 2 JOHN THE BAPTIST IS BORN



An angel tells Zechariah that he and Elizabeth will have a baby called John. Elizabeth has her baby, and Zechariah writes 'John' as the angel said. People are amazed because God has a special plan for John.

3 WEEK 3 ZECHARIAH'S SPECIAL MESSAGE



Zechariah says that John will be called a prophet of the Most High. John will help people know God and prepare their hearts for Jesus. He will teach people to live good lives and ask forgiveness.

4 WEEK 4 ADVENT PREPARES US



Christians use an Advent wreath with candles to help them think about Jesus, the Light of the World, and to pray each week. The colours remind us of God's love, hope, joy and the light of Jesus. Christians in different cultures prepare in special ways, such as Las Posadas, Christingles and other Advent traditions.

5 WEEK 5 ISAIAH SPEAKS OF LIGHT



Isaiah says that Jesus, Immanuel, will bring a great light to people living in darkness. He will bring justice, peace and understanding. Jesus shows us the right way to live with love and kindness.

6 WEEK 6 MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD



Mary is the mother of Jesus, who is God's Son, so the Church calls her the Mother of God. Mary prays for us and with us. The Magnificat is Mary's song of joy and praise for God's goodness.

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TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

How do prophets help people know God?
Which Advent tradition helps you prepare for Jesus?
How can you bring light, hope and kindness to others?



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YEAR 3

PROPHECY AND PROMISE

God's promises, prayer and worship

Learning about Sunday, Mass, angels, trust and Immanuel

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1 WEEK 1 SUNDAY IS A HOLY DAY



Christians believe Sunday is a special holy day because Jesus rose from the dead. In the Creation story, God made the world in six days and rested on the seventh. Christians use Sunday as a day to worship, pray, rest and help others.

2 WEEK 2 CATHOLICS CELEBRATE MASS



Catholics celebrate Mass to worship God. They gather, sing, say sorry, listen to the Bible and learn from the priest. Bread and wine are offered at the altar and become the Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Jesus. At the end, Catholics are blessed and sent out to love and help others.

3 WEEK 3 THE LITURGY OF THE WORD



Catholics listen to readings from the Bible, including the Old Testament, letters from the Apostles and the Gospel. People respond, 'Thanks be to God', and stand for the Gospel. The priest gives a homily to help people understand God's message and live it each day.

4 WEEK 4 ANGELS BRING GOD'S MESSAGE



Angels are messengers from God. In Matthew's Gospel, an angel guides Joseph and tells him to keep Mary and Jesus safe. In Luke's Gospel, the Angel Gabriel visits Mary, and angels tell the shepherds about Jesus' birth. Mary's Magnificat shows her trust, praise and care for people in need.

5 WEEK 5 JOSEPH TRUSTS GOD



Joseph listens to the angel in a dream and trusts God's message about Mary and baby Jesus. He takes Mary as his wife, even though the news is surprising. Later Joseph protects Mary and Jesus by going to Egypt, showing faithful trust in God's plan.

6 WEEK 6 IMMANUEL: GOD WITH US



Isaiah says God will send a special baby called Immanuel, which means 'God with us'. The Angel Gabriel tells Mary that her baby will be Jesus, the Son of God. Signs of Advent and Christmas, like candles and the Advent wreath and the Nativity, help Christians remember God's promises and Jesus coming.

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TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

How is Sunday special? What do you remember about Mass?
How can you trust God like Mary, Joseph and Isaiah?



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YEAR 4

PROPHECY AND PROMISE

♥ God's promises, prophets and preparation ♥

Learning about Christ the King, the Jesse Tree, Elijah, John the Baptist and Advent

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WEEK 1 CHRIST THE KING



The Feast of Christ the King is celebrated on the last Sunday of the Church year before Advent. It honours Jesus as King of heaven who rules with love, justice, truth and peace. Catholics pray, sing and remember that Jesus is Lord over all creation.

2

WEEK 2 THE JESSE TREE



The Jesse Tree shows Jesus' family story and reminds us that He fulfils God's promises. It links the Old Testament to Jesus' birth and includes ancestors such as Jesse, David, prophets, Mary and Joseph. Matthew and Luke trace Jesus' family to show God planned His coming from the beginning.

3

WEEK 3 ELIJAH AND JOHN THE BAPTIST



A prophet listens to God and shares His message. Elijah trusts God and helps others trust Him too, while John the Baptist prepares people for Jesus. John calls people to change, be baptised, and recognise that Jesus is greater than anyone else.

4

WEEK 4 GOD'S COVENANT AND ELIJAH



God makes a covenant with Israel, but many people turn away from Him in Elijah's time. Elijah shows that God cares for His people through miracles, such as the flour and oil lasting for the widow. Even when Elijah feels scared and alone, God gives him strength and speaks in a gentle whisper.

5

WEEK 5 JOHN THE BAPTIST IN MATTHEW AND MARK



Matthew and Mark both show John the Baptist as God's messenger preparing the way for Jesus. Matthew emphasises repentance and living good lives, while Mark highlights prophecy being fulfilled and John preparing people for someone greater than himself. John's simple life and courageous message point everyone to Jesus.

6

WEEK 6 ADVENT: PREPARE THE WAY



Isaiah and John the Baptist call people to get their hearts ready for Jesus. Advent is a time to prepare for Jesus' birth, seek forgiveness and make good choices. During Advent, Christians remember the call to prepare a way for the Lord in their lives.

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TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

How is Jesus a different kind of King? What do prophets teach us about listening to God? How can you prepare your heart for Jesus in Advent?



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YEAR 5

PROPHECY AND PROMISE

♥ God's promises through David, Jesus and prayer ♥

Learning about the Rosary, David, God's covenant, Advent and the Psalms

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WEEK 1 THE JOYFUL MYSTERIES



The Rosary is a special prayer that helps Christians think deeply about the life of Jesus and Mary. The Joyful Mysteries remember happy moments in Jesus' early life: the Annunciation, Visitation, Nativity, Presentation and Finding in the Temple. They help Christians live with faith, joy and trust.

2

WEEK 2 DAVID IS CHOSEN



Israel needed a new king, so Samuel anointed David, a young shepherd, because God saw his faithful heart. David showed courage and trust in God when he faced Goliath. God teaches His people that faith, bravery and trust matter more than appearance.

3

WEEK 3 DAVID THE KING



David became king over all Israel and united the tribes. God promised that David's family would reign and that His people would be guided by God's covenant. David's story shows that God keeps His promises even when human leaders fail.

4

WEEK 4 DAVID THE GOOD SHEPHERD



David began as a shepherd and became a servant leader. He ruled with courage, wisdom, justice and humility. David shows that good leaders guide, protect and care for others, putting the needs of people first.

5

WEEK 5 JESUS FULFILLS THE PROMISE



Matthew and Luke show that Jesus is a descendant of David. Matthew links Jesus to Abraham, showing that God's blessing is for all nations. Luke shows that Jesus will inherit David's throne and that God's plan includes everyone.

6

WEEK 6 DAVID, THE PSALMS AND ADVENT PRAYER



Through the psalms, David teaches praise, thanks and trust in God. Psalm 21 thanks God for victory and blessing. Psalm 23 shows God as the Good Shepherd. In Advent, Christians also pray the O Antiphons and remember Jesus as the Key of David.

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TALK ABOUT IT AT HOME

How do the Joyful Mysteries help us pray? What can David teach us about leadership? How does Jesus fulfil God's promises?



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YEAR 6

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♥ God's promises, Mary and women in salvation history ♥

Learning about Mary, the Magnificat and women responding to God's call

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1 WEEK 1 WOMEN IN SALVATION HISTORY



God gives women important roles in His plan. Women like Sarah, Miriam, Deborah, Hannah and Esther show courage, wisdom and faith. Their actions help God's people and reveal that women are vital in salvation history.

2 WEEK 2 TRUE PROTAGONISTS



A protagonist is a key person in a story. Pope St John Paul II says the women of the Old Testament are 'true protagonists of salvation history' because their faith and bravery help God's promises unfold.

3 WEEK 3 MARY FULFILLS GOD'S PROMISES



Mary says 'yes' to God with trust and love. Her story links with faithful women of the Old Testament, such as Sarah and Hannah. Matthew highlights Joseph's obedience, while Luke shows Mary's courageous response to God's plan.

4 WEEK 4 MARY, MOTHER OF GOD



Mary is called the Mother of God because she gave birth to Jesus, who is fully God and fully human. The Church also calls her Theotokos, meaning 'God-bearer'. Mary's trust, obedience and love make her a model for all Christians.

5 THE MAGNIFICAT



In the Magnificat, Mary praises God with joy. She says the Messiah will lift up the lowly, help the poor and challenge the proud. This prayer gives a radical vision of God's kingdom, full of justice, mercy and hope.

6 SAYING YES TO GOD TODAY



Women today respond to God's call in many ways. Some join religious orders and serve through prayer, teaching or caring for others. Others work for justice and compassion in everyday life. Like Mary, they say 'yes' to God with their gifts.

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Which women in the Bible inspire you most? How does Mary show courage and trust? How can you say 'yes' to God in your own life?

