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| **Term** | **Theme & Overview** | **Revelation** | **The Church** | **Celebration** | **Life in Christ** |
| **1****The Kingdom of God**  | Where is the Kingdom of God?• Is it for everyone?• What is it like?• What are the values of the Kingdom?• What do we have to do in order to be in theKingdom of God?• What can we do for the Kingdom?Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11, 28-31,Psalms 23, 136, Matthew5: 1-12, 44-48, Luke 15: 11-32, John 15: 9-14,Ephesians 4: 26, 31-3**Big Question: Do you have to earn love?** | How Jesus spoke ofGod, his Father and the Holy Spirit.The Bible |  | Words and images Jesusused to express communion(e.g. I am the vine and youare the branches)Prayer in the life of Jesus.  | Accounts in Scripture of God’sInvitations and a variety of responses respect for community valuesand life of other cultures andother religious communities.  |
| **2****Justice**  | Advent • What is justice?• Give an example of someone who has spokenout against injustice.• Give an example of someone who works forjustice.• Why is Christmas important for us?• What do you know about the mystery of theIncarnation?Isaiah 35: 9-10, 62: 11-12, Mark 1: 1-5, John 1:14-18, 1 Cor 1: 8-9, 16:13-14**Big Question: What is commitment in life?** | The Bible | God’s call to individuals and their different responses.  | Their freedom to choose andresponsibility to choose the good.  | The joy and challenge of and the giving and receiving in relationships.The joys and challenges thatfreedom and responsibilitybring. Respect for community values.The motives and emotions which influence choices. The Christian values whichinform love of neighbour andoneself. The Christian values whichinform love of neighbour and oneself.  |
| **3****Exploring the Mass** | • What is the New Covenant Jesus made with us?• How can we live-out our part in this NewCovenant?• What are two of the most important parts of theMass?• Explain how going to Mass can help us live ourlives more fully.• What is the Blessed Sacrament?Bible, Romans 15: 4-6**Big Question: Are books enriching?** | The Bible. | Ways of taking part in the life and worship of the domestic and local Church (e.g. celebrating Eucharist, prayer for others, parishactivities) The life of the Church in other parts of the world (e.g. customs and traditions, universal saints)key images of the Church used inScripture and Tradition; the implications of this imageryfor community life.  | Sunday as a significant dayin the life of the local Church. Elements of sacramentalcelebrations (e.g. blessing, exchanging greetings, praise) | Accounts in Scripture of God’sInvitations and a variety of responses.Respect for community values.  |
| **4****Jesus, the Messiah**  | Lent Easter story • How do we know that Jesus is truly God andtruly human?• Why did Jesus make a New Covenant with us?• Why did some of the Jewish authorities not likeJesus?• When Jesus was arrested, couldn’t he haveworked a miracle and escaped?• Why did Jesus have to die on a cross?John 6: 35, 37, 51, 60,67-68, John 11: 1-43,12: 24-25, 19: 16-21,25-30, 38-42, John**Big Question: Can any good come out of****loss and death?**  | Key imagery that speaks of God in theOld Testament and the Gospels. The Bible.   | God’s call to individuals and their different responses. Ways of taking part in the life and worship of the domestic and local Church (e.g. celebrating Eucharist, prayer for others, parishactivities)The life and growth of the firstChristian communities (e.g. Paul, Stephen) The teaching role of the apostles (e.g. through New Testament letters); | Sunday as a significant dayin the life of thelocal Church.Signs and symbols and theirsignificance in liturgy.The Sacrament of the Sick. Prayer in the life of Jesus;the prayer Jesus taught hisfriends (Our Father)and its significance.  | The Gospel message that Jesusbrings fullness of life for all people: the Beatitudes;the suffering, death andresurrection of Jesus as a sign of love, sacrifice andthe source of new life.  |
| **5****The Transforming Spirit**  | Pentecost • What was the mission that Jesus gave to theApostles?• What happened at Pentecost?• How did the Holy Spirit help the Apostles?• What happened to Saul on the road toDamascus? What can we learn from this event?• Who are the successors of St. Peter?John 6: 35, 37, 51, 60,67-68, John 11: 1-43, 12:24-25, 19: 16-21, 25-30, 38-42, John 20: 1-8**Big Question: What do I want to witness in my life?** | The Gospel accounts of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and thetransformation of the disciples.God’s call to individuals and theirdifferent responses.The ways Jesus proclaimed GoodNews to everyone he met and the variety of responses made. | The gifts of the Holy Spirit which are given to individuals and groups for the service of the whole community.  |  | The joy and challenge of and the giving andreceiving in relationships.The joys and challenges thatfreedom and responsibilitybring.The motives and emotions which influence choices. The Christian values whichinform love of neighbour and oneself.  |
| **6****Called to Serve &****Other Faiths** | • What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?• How does the sacrament help a person whoreceives it?• Give two examples of some people who havereceived the gifts of the Holy Spirit.• What is the Sacrament of Marriage?• Who is the most inspirational person you havestudied? Why?Micah 6: 8,Matthew 5: 1-17,25: 31-40,Luke 4: 4-22**Big Question: How can we work together****to build a just and fair world?** |  | Respect for the writings and holy people of the Jewish faith and other religions.  | Some ways people enterinto the communion of the Church. The rites of Matrimony andConfirmation and the response they inviteBe able to name the Sacraments of Holy Orders and Matrimony and to explain theirsignificance in their ownwords;Ways in which love andcommitment are importantin human life.  | Accounts in Scripture of God’sInvitations and a variety of responses respect for community valuesand life of other cultures andother religious communities.Respect for community valuesand life of other cultures andother religious communities.The joy and challenge of and the giving and receiving in relationships. The joys and challenges thatfreedom and responsibilitybring. The motives and emotions which influencechoices;The diversity and richness ofCreation. ( this is my body)The Christian values whichinform love ofneighbour and oneself |