Grow In Love

Down and Connor Catholic Schools' Support Service

Grow in Love December Planner

Primary 5 Theme 4: Christmas

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| **Prayer Space** | Purple cloth (Advent); Bible (open at Luke 1); Candle; Advent Calendar; Crib; Rosary Beads  Add to this space each week throughout the month | | | |
|  | **Week 1**  **Mary visits Elizabeth** | **Week 2**  **Glory to God in the Highest!** | **Week 3**  **Christmas Activities** | **Week 4** |
| **Learning Objectives** | * Retell the story of the Visitation * Pray the second Joyful Mystery, The Visitation * Develop an appreciation for the Rosary * Pray to Mary, Mother of God and our mother too | * Examine the role of angels in the Christmas story * The origins of the Christmas crib * Christmas carols * Appreciate that Christmas is the celebration of the birth of Jesus |  |  |
| **Learning and Teaching Activities** | Chat about visiting  Story: A visit to Bluebell Nursing Home  Song: The Bells of the Angelus  Scripture: Lk 1: 39-45  Art: Visitation Mobile  Discuss: Travel today and in the past  Drama: Mary and Elizabeth chat  Activity: Remembering God’s love  *PB: pp34-35*  *TM pp137-143* | Activity: Christmas Whispers  Song: The First Noel  Scripture: Lk 2:8-18;  Art: Make an angel  Online: The Annunciation and the Visitation  Story: The First Crib  Drama: Mime the Christmas story  Share ideas on how we prepare for Christmas  *PB: pp37-38 Glory to God*  *TM pp144-152* | Own activities related to Christmas and school setting |  |
| **Praying Together** | Quiet reflection time  Pray a decade of the Rosary | Thank you God for Mary  Quiet Reflection  Prayer Service |  |  |

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| **At Home** | *PB: p36 Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary* | *PB: p39 The First Crib* |  |  |
| **Cross**  **Curricular**  **Links** | **WAU**: Christmas traditions around the world; Travel today and in the past  **RSE**: The Wonder of My Being Year 5: We are created in God’s image and likeness; Preparing for new life; We change as we grow; Sacrament of Baptism | | | |
| **Other Suggestions for December** | Feast Day: Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary (8th)  Trócaire Global Gifts: <https://www.trocaire.org/ways-to-help/fundraise/schools-fundraising-guide/> | | | |
| **Differentiation** |  |  |  |  |
| **What went well?** |  |  |  |  |
| **What would I change?** |  |  |  |  |
| **Suggested Additional Resources** | <http://www.kandle.ie/>  <http://www.derrydiocese.org/>  [www.education](http://www.education)dublindiocese.ie  [www.prayingincolour.com](http://www.prayingincolour.com)  [www.drawing-god.com](http://www.drawing-god.com) | | | |