Grow In Love

Down and Connor Catholic Schools' Support Service

Grow in Love December Planner

Primary 6 Theme 4: Advent and Christmas

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| **Prayer Space** | Purple cloth (Advent); Bible, open at Luke 1 (week 1); Mt 2 (week 2); Candle; Advent Calendar; Crib; Rosary Beads  Add to this space each week throughout the month | | | |
|  | **Week 1**  **Zechariah and Elizabeth** | **Week 2**  **The Epiphany** | **Week 3**  **Christmas Activities** | **Week 4** |
| **Learning Objectives** | * Advent is the first season of the Church’s year * Explain the role of the angels in the stories of Zechariah and Mary * Pray the Angelus * Honour Mary through prayer * Prepare for the coming of Jesus at Christmas | * Christmas season lasts for twelve days and ends on   6th January, Feast of The Epiphany   * Retell the story of the Three Wise Men * Explain Nollaig na mBan * The seasons of the Church’s Liturgical Year |  |  |
| **Learning and Teaching Activities** | Chat about the Advent Wreath  Activity: Make an Advent wreath  Art: Make an egg timer  Song: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel  Chat about waiting  Scripture: Lk 1: 8, 11, 13-25  Drama: Zechariah and Elizabeth role play  Scripture: Lk 1: 28-38;  Chat about The Angelus  Music: The Angelus Bell  Sequencing The Angelus  Art: The Advent Clock  *PB: pp31-32 Zechariah and Elizabeth*  *TM pp140-147* | Chat about the Christmas stories from the Bible  Story: Saint Lucy  Song: Oíche Chiúin (Silent Night)  Scripture: Mt 2:1-12  Online: The Three Wise Men  Music: Compose a piece of music to celebrate Christmas  Art: Lights of the World mobiles  Story: Christmas is a time for giving  Debate: The meaning of Christmas  Art: A Gift for Jesus  Discuss: Nollaig na mBan (Women’s Christmas)  Art: At Your Service Card  *PB: pp34-35 The Epiphany*  *TM pp148-156* | Own activities related to Christmas and school setting |  |
| **Praying Together** | Quiet Reflection time  Pray The Angelus  Reflection on the Season of Advent | Pray to the Saints  Prayer Service |  |  |
| **At Home** | *PB: p33 Christmas Eve*  *Pray The Angelus* | *PB: p39 The Three Wise Men*  *Saint Lucy* |  |  |
| **Cross**  **Curricular**  **Links** | **WAU**: Origins of Christmas traditions; Design and make an egg timer | | | |
| **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) | | | |