Grow In Love

Down and Connor Catholic Schools' Support Service

Grow in Love December Planner

Primary 7 Theme 4: Advent and Christmas

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| **Prayer Space** | Purple cloth (Advent); Bible; Candle; Cross/Crucifix; Advent Wreath; Crib  Add to this space each week throughout the month | | | |
|  | **Week 1**  **Zechariah Waits** | **Week 2**  **Joseph Waits** | **Week 3**  **Christians celebrate the**  **Birth of Jesus** | **Week 4** |
| **Learning Objectives** | * Recognise that God has a plan for everyone * Identify John the Baptist as forerunner of Jesus * Recognise Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas * Prepare for the coming of Jesus | * Understand Joseph’s role in the Infancy Narratives * Reflect on God’s promise to send a Saviour * Recall and recount Bible stories about dreams * Prepare to celebrate Christmas | * Reflect on own Christmas traditions * Compare Christmas traditions across the world * Discuss opinions about the commercial and religious celebration of Christmas |  |
| **Learning and Teaching Activities** | Chat about hopes and dreams  Activity: My hopes and dreams  Song: O Come, O Come Emmanuel  Chat about Zechariah and Elizabeth  Scripture: Lk1:8-24; 1:57-66  Activity: Research own name  Chat about Advent  Poem: Patient People  Activity: Watch, Wait, Wonder  Activity: My Prayer of Hope  Discuss The Divine Office  *PBpp38-41*  *TM pp143-151* | Story: I Can’t Wait  Activity: Timeline  Song: In the Bleak Midwinter  Chat about dreams  Scripture: Mt1:18-24  Drama: Joseph and a Friend  Scripture: Lk2:1-7; 8-15; 16-20  Drama: Shepherds  Chat about the Christmas story  Activity: Record favourite elements of the story  Activity: Write a Christmas poem  Chat about St Joseph (link with 2021 – Year dedicated to  St Joseph)  Art: My image of St Joseph  *PBpp42-45*  *TM pp152-160* | Online: The Christmas Story  Activity: Celebrations throughout the year  Discuss Christmas traditions  Online: Christmas in my home  Song: O Come all Ye Faithful  Activity: Christmas around the world  Song: Huron Carol  Chat about Christmas celebrations  Activity: I agree/ I disagree/  I’m not sure  Art: Christmas candle  Activity: The religious meaning of Christmas  *PBpp46-48*  *TM pp161-168* |  |
| **Praying Together** | Quiet Reflection  Prayer Service using the children’s prayers | Quiet Reflection  Prayer Service | Quiet Reflection  Prayer Service |  |
| **At Home** | *PB p41* | *PB p45* | *PB:p48* |  |
| **Cross**  **Curricular**  **Links** | **WAU**: Victorian Christmas traditions; Christmas traditions around the world;  **2021** The Year of St Joseph | | | |
| **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/>  Prayer Service dedicated to St Joseph : <https://www.downandconnor.org/prayer-services/> | | | |
| **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) | | | |