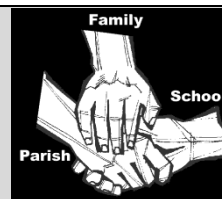


Beginning with the Church Linking School, Parish and Home



Religious Education

Key Idea: In the Beginning

This unit is intended as the first for the academic year 2023/2024 and introduces the children to Church as a place for worship and to receive the Sacraments.

Unit Content

The pupils develop a greater awareness of the signs and symbols used in the Sacraments of the Church. They learn to understand what makes the Church a special and welcoming place. Through studying the parables, the children gain a greater knowledge of the 'Kingdom of Heaven' and how they mirror the values of the Kingdom in their homes and school.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

It is hoped that pupils will develop:

- A sense of wonder for Creation
- A willingness to learn from Scripture
- An appreciation of the truths contained in Scripture
- A sense of the value of prayer

Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be much higher if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying one or more of these activities while this unit is being taught:

- Tell stories about 'beginnings' in your family: your extended family, births, moves to another place or house, starting school, building or making something.
- Be creative! Bake or cook with your children, plant or weed the garden, undertake a project together. Celebrate your creativity!

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Pray at mealtimes:

'Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live, a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive. Built of hope and dreams and visions rock of faith and vault of grace, here the love of Christ shall end division, all are welcome in this place!' Marty Haugen.

