

Branch 4 – Year 4 Desert to garden Theme for term: Forgiveness & Reconciliation

Desert to garden: ‘Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day’ (1 Cor 15:3).

In this branch, pupils will study the season of Lent and its culmination in the events of Holy Week. They will learn about the Paschal Triduum at the heart of the Catholic Church’s Liturgy and life. The title of this branch points both to the liturgical journey from the desert of Lent to the garden of Resurrection, but also to the Paschal journey from darkness to light, barrenness to fruitfulness, death to life.

In this branch, pupils will explore Lent’s themes of forgiveness and reconciliation and the idea that devotion to God leads a person to do good works. They will also look at Holy Week in St Matthew’s gospel and see that St Matthew shows Jesus as the servant-Messiah.

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Branch 4 - Six week planner

Each Learning Focus is expected to take 2.5 hours of curriculum time – approximately one week.

Hear	<p>Hear - By the end of this unit of study, pupils will hear the following key texts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lost son (the prodigal) and the dutiful son (Lk 15:11-32) • The Judgement of the Nations (sheep and goats) (Matt 25:31-46) • The events of Holy Week from the gospel of Matthew <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Entry into Jerusalem (Matt 21:1-11), ▪ Judas’ betrayal (Matt 26:14), ▪ the Passover and Peter’s denial foretold (Matt 26:17-35) ▪ Jesus prays (Matt 26:36-46) ▪ the betrayal and arrest of Jesus (Matt 26:47-56), ▪ Peter’s denials (Matt 26:69-75), ▪ Pilate questions Jesus (Matt 27:11-14), ▪ the Crucifixion (Matt 27:32-44), ▪ the death of Jesus (Matt 27:45-56) ▪ and the Burial of Jesus (Matt 27:57-61)* <p>*Pupils should have an overview of the events of Holy Week. Please see teachers notes for additional information.</p>	<p><u>Learning Focus 1 – Week 1/Lent</u></p> <p>Catholics believe the parable of the prodigal son teaches us God loves everyone and He can and wants to forgive people’s sins.</p> <p><u>Learning Focus 2 – Week 2/Lent</u></p> <p>Catholics believe that Lent is a time to make a new start by loving God with their whole heart. When people love God they want to help others.</p> <p><u>Learning Focus 3 – Week 3/Easter</u></p> <p>Catholics believe Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and marks the celebration of Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection.</p>
Believe	<p>Believe - By the end of this unit of study, students will know that the Church teaches that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God loves everyone. He can and wants to forgive people’s sins. • When people love God, they want to help others as the virtues of faith, hope, and love have their foundations in God who is love. • Lent is a time for Christians to make a new start by loving God with their whole heart and expressing this love through good works. 	<p><u>Learning Focus 4 – Week 4/Easter</u></p> <p>Catholics believe Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and marks the celebration of Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection.</p> <p><u>Learning Focus 5 – Week 5/Easter</u></p>
Celebrate	<p>Celebrate - By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The works of mercy show Christians how to treat other people. • That Lent is a time to live out the works of mercy (for example, by praying for someone who is sad, practising patience, fasting, or giving time or money to those in need). • Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday and marks the annual celebration of Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection. 	<p>Catholics believe in the corporal and spiritual acts of mercy.</p> <p><u>Learning Focus 6 – Week 6/Easter</u></p>
Live	<p>Live - By the end of this unit of study, pupils will know:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The corporal and spiritual acts of mercy. • How the life and work of a person or organisation (historical or contemporary) lives out the works of mercy and/or the love for those oppressed by poverty (e.g., St Damien of Molokai, Ruth Pfau, National Justice and Peace Network, CAFOD) 	<p>Catholics believe some some people live their lives as the works of mercy for those oppressed by poverty.</p>