

Branch overview

Branch:		2		Year group:		Reception	
Lesson no.	RED linked outcomes	Scripture	Key vocabulary	Teaching activities	Resources	Lesson assessment focus	
1	Care and love for self, family, others, and God's world. CST: God made each of us, so each one of us is very special. We must treat others in a caring way because God made them too. The Dignity of the Human Person.	Genesis 1:26–27	Human dignity, image	Main activity Recap of Creation story and learn about how to follow God's example. Focus activity Children think of ways they can reflect God. Alternative focus activity Children think about how to support each other.	Class Bible Mirror A4 paper folded into quarters Prophecy and promise key words Classroom resource (CR_YR_B2_L01)	Can children identify ways in which they are special?	
2	Care and love for self, family, others, and God's world. CST: God made each of us, so each one of us is very special. We must treat others in a caring way because God made them too. The Dignity of the Human Person.	Genesis 1:31	Human dignity	Main activity Children learn about Aaron in Liberia and make links between him and them. Focus activity Play pass the bag and discuss the images from Aaron's story. Make connections. Alternative focus activity Children role-play things they have in common.	Aaron's story Classroom resource, cut up and made into picture cards and placed in a box or bag. (CR_YR_B2_L02)	Can children identify some ways Aaron's life/their life is a gift?	
3	God sent Jesus to love us all. The Annunciation	The Annunciation (Luke 1:26–31, 38)	Bible, Jesus, Luke, Angel, Mary	Main activity Introduce, read and recap the story of the Annunciation. Focus activity Sequence and retell the Annunciation story. Alternative focus activity Draw a picture of the Annunciation and retell it.	Class Bible The Annunciation Classroom resource, made into sequencing cards (CR_YR_B2_L03)	Can children sequence and retell the story?	

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4	Mary was chosen by God to give birth to his Son. The Annunciation	The Annunciation (Luke 1:26–31, 38)	Mary, Gabriel	Main activity Discuss Mary's reaction to the Angel at the Annunciation. Focus activity Think about what it means to say yes to God and think of ways to describe Mary and her reaction. Alternative focus activity Play pass the bag to discuss and remember the story.	Class Bible The land where Jesus lived Classroom resource (CR_YR_B2_L04) The Annunciation Classroom resource cut into sequencing picture-cards (CR_YR_B2_L03) Sticky notes	Can children think of a word to describe Mary?
5	Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Mary had a baby called Jesus. The Nativity (Luke 2:4–7)	The birth of Jesus (Luke 2:2–7)	Bethlehem, Joseph	Main activity Introduce, read and recap the story of the birth of Jesus. Focus activity Children create a welcome message for baby Jesus. Alternative focus activity Discuss how children would welcome Jesus.	Class Bible The land where Jesus lived Classroom resource (CR_YR_B2_L04) Blank cards/labels Mark-making materials The birth of Jesus Classroom resource (CR_YR_B2_L05)	Can children think of a way to welcome Jesus?
6	Shepherds were told by angels to visit him. The shepherds visit the manger (Luke 2:8–20).	The shepherds visit the manger (Luke 2:8–20)	Shepherds, rejoice, glory	Main activity Introduce, read and recap the story of when the shepherds visit baby Jesus. Focus activity Children create a simple Christmas story book, sequencing images.	Class Bible The Christmas story Activity sheet (AS_YR_B2_L06) The shepherds' visit Classroom resource (CR_YR_B2_L06)	Can children sequence and retell the story?

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7	The tradition of the crib to tell the story of Jesus' birth.		Francis, crib	Main activity Learn about the tradition of the crib created by St Francis. Focus activity Children create their own simple crib/nativity. Alternative focus activity Discuss who children would invite to visit the crib today.	Class crib Making a crib Activity sheet (AS_YR_B2_L07) St Francis and the first crib Classroom resource (CR_YR_B2_L07)	Can children talk about the tradition of the crib?
8	Advent	Luke 2: 8–14	Advent	Main activity Learn about Advent as a time to prepare for Christmas/Jesus' birth. Focus activity A walk around to identify signs of Christmas. Alternative focus activity Collect a selection of things that connect to Advent.	Class Bible Plan to take the children around school for a 'Getting ready for Christmas' walk.	Can children identify some ways people in school are getting ready for Christmas?
9	Advent traditions The Advent wreath By our work in Advent, we help others and ourselves, and we show our love to God.		Advent crown	Main activity Learn about the Advent crown. Focus activity Children create an Advent promise. Alternative focus activity Children write kindness ideas to welcome Jesus.	Advent crown (if available) Empty Christmas tree or branch to hang labels on Cards or labels Mark-making materials	Can children mark-make about positive things they can do to help others during Advent?

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10	God sent Jesus to love us all.	Luke 2:14	Christmas	Main activity Learn about Christmas traditions around the world. Focus activity Children create Christmas baubles.	Class Bible Christmas tree or branch to hang baubles on Celebrate Christmas! Activity sheet (AS_YR_B2_L10)	Can children connect celebrating Christmas with Jesus' birth?