



Year 8 Religious Education Curriculum

Term 1:

Who rocked the church?

Students explore prayer, 'liturgy', celebration, and how one belongs to a Christian community. This unit investigates the rise of Christianity as 'The Religion of the Empire' and explores the expansion of Christianity in the Middle Ages and how the celebration of the Eucharist changed during this time period. They will discover how believers past and present continue the mission of Jesus in the world in times of challenge and change.

Term 2:

Covenant

Students analyse and examine language features and text structures of some Old Testament covenant narratives to identify common themes and features. They explore the relationship between the dramatic actions and challenging messages of some Old Testament prophets. They also explore how God's saving plan is revealed in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

Term 3:

What's my role in Jesus' Mission?

Students describe ways in which the Catholic Church is present and active in the world today. They explain the mission of Jesus and how believers past and present continue this mission in the world. Students provide evidence of connections between Catholic social teaching and responses to emerging moral questions. They participate with respect in a range of prayer experiences.

Term 4:

How can people achieve unity and diversity?

Students analyse ways in which the Church is present and active in the world through participating in liturgy, personal and communal prayer and witness to the ecumenical spirit. Students explain the significance of initiation rituals in Abrahamic religions and participate respectfully in prayer experiences.

