



KS3: YEAR 8



TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH

In this topic, you will look at teachings on the Resurrection, considering the significance of the empty tomb and how the disciples reacted to the resurrection. You will also delve into what the central message of Christianity is, whether humans have a soul and what happens at the end of human life. You will also explore why Baptism is necessary for Catholics, how these beliefs are reflected in Catholic funerals and compare and contrast different Christian approaches to the afterlife and funeral traditions.

SUMMER
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DIALOGUE AND ENCOUNTER

In this topic, you will look at the Second Vatican Council and why this was important. You will also look at Ecclesiam Suam, the meaning of this term and its importance. You will also consider whether there is more than one Catholic Church and explore the 24 Catholic Churches as united but unique, with a particular focus on the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

SUMMER
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DESERT TO GARDEN

In this topic, you will look at suffering, considering key questions such as why do we suffer? And is there a meaning to suffering? You will explore why Jesus is referred to as the suffering servant and why God allowed Jesus to suffer. Approaching the season of Lent, you will consider how Christians prepare for Lent, what the Easter Triduum is and why reconciliation is important. Finally, you will explore why God allows suffering and make links to the crucifixion of Jesus.

GALILEE TO JERUSALEM

In this topic, you will look at the Kingdom of God and how Jesus' actions towards those who were marginalised can help Catholics understand the Kingdom of God. You will also look at Jesus' parables and miracles and how Jesus' ministry calls Catholics to enter the Kingdom of God. You will link these beliefs to the Anointing of the Sick and also consider how Catholics can reflect the actions and teachings of Jesus in society today when faced with modern issues.

SPRING
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SPRING
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PROPHECY & PROMISE

In this topic, you will look at what a prophetic text is, how Jeremiah fulfilled prophetic patterns, why prophecies call for repentance and care for the poor. You will also look at why prophecies criticise external religion and why they give warnings, linking this to prophecies show God as a judge of all nations. During the season of Advent, you will explore how Advent is connected to prophecy and how Christmas carols can reflect prophetic messages.

CREATION & COVENANT

In this topic, you will learn about the story of the Fall, looking into the meaning behind this story, what a sin is, why God's commandments are important, why we have rules and how Catholics follow God's rules using the conscience. You will look at the Sacrament of Baptism and who should be Baptised. You will also look at practical examples of how to follow some of God's rules.

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