



Knowledge Organiser

Early Years

Local Church – Community

Topic 4: Celebrating

Key Words	
Word	Definition
Church	A building for public Christian worship.
priest	A priest is a religious leader that performs sacred rituals of religion.
Celebrate/celebrating	Acknowledge (a significant or happy day or event) with a social gathering or enjoyable activity.
Parish family	The parish family is a living community and part of Christian family.
family	A group of people who are related.
community	A community is a social unit.
celebration	A special social event, such as a party, when you celebrate something
party	When people get together to celebrate.
memory	Memory is the faculty of the brain by which data or information is encoded, stored, and retrieved when needed.
Priest	A person, usually a man, who has been trained to perform religious duties in the Christian Church,
Father	Can be a dad or another name for a priest.
altar	The table in a Christian church at which the bread and wine are consecrated in communion services.
Temple	Is a building reserved for religious or spiritual rituals
parish	A Christian group of people who live in the same area.

Big Question

How do we celebrate at Church?

My first thoughts:

Scripture

Luke 2: 22b – *God's Story 1* pages 28-29
(teachers' notes page 48)

What will I learn?

- To begin to **talk about** your own experiences and feelings about celebrations they have been part of and how the celebration was shared.
- To begin to **wonder** about why people celebrate.
- To begin to **wonder** about how they feel when you celebrate.
- To begin to **recognise** the story of Mary and Joseph taking Jesus to the Temple.
- To begin to **recognise** some of the elements and words used in church celebrations.
- To begin to **recognise** that the church/parish family celebrate in particular ways.



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Eucharist- Relating

Topic 5: Gathering

Key Words	
Word	Definition
welcome	A kind greeting
blessing	The act or words someone who gives a blessing
listen	Giving attention to the ears for listening.
pray	To talk to God to give thanks or ask for help or healing.
Mass	To gather together to celebrate Gods word.
sing	When we use our voice to create a tuneful notes.
gather	When more than one person comes together.
together	Being with other people.
alone	Being on your own.
Lectern	The place where the bible is placed to read from.
"The Lord be with you."	Responses we use when we read the gospel.
"And with your spirit"	Responses we use when we read the gospel.

Big Question

Why do we gather together at Church?

My first thoughts:

Scripture

Mark 10: 13,14,16
God's Story 1 pages 30-31
 (Notes page 48)

What will I learn?

- To **talk about** the times they have gathered together with others. Some children will begin to talk about how they felt.
- To say what they **wonder** about the enjoyment of being together.
- To **recognise** the story of Jesus with the children as a religious story.
- To **recognise** the phrases "The Lord be with you." "And with your spirit."
- To **recognise** the Lectern and know how it is used.
- To **recognise** how people gather together to share the stories of God's love at Mass.
- To **talk about** their experience of visiting church and listening to God's word.



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Lent/Easter - Giving

Topic 6: Growing

Key Words	
Word	Definition
Grow	When an animal or plant gets bigger in size.
Spring	A season of the year when new life grows.
different	Not a like to anything else.
Lent	40 days and 40 nights before Easter.
Good Friday	The day Jesus was crucified.
cross	Two pieces of wood that form a cross shape.
Easter	The day Jesus was resurrected from the dead.
Sunday	The day of rest in the week a holy day.

Big Question
How can we grow to be more like Jesus?
My first thoughts:

Scripture
John 13: 34-35 <i>God's Story 1</i> pages 32-33 (Notes page 48)
John 19: 25-27 <i>God's Story 1</i> (Notes page 49)
Acts 2: 23-24 <i>God's Story 1</i> page 35 (Notes page 49)
Luke 2: 51-52

What will I learn?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To talk about their own experience of 'growing'. • To talk about how they feel about 'growing'. • To say what they wonder about growing, themselves and in nature. • To recognise the stories of Good Friday and Easter Sunday as religious stories. • To recognise the Cross, the words of the Sign of the Cross and the Easter garden. • To recognise that Christians try to 'grow more like Jesus' particularly during Lent.