

## Spring Term Reception Year

### Topic One Celebrating

Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple.  
*(Luke 2:22)*

### Topic Two Gathering

People brought their children to Jesus,  
He took them in his arms and he blessed them.

*(Mark 10: 13-16)*

### Topic Three Growing

“I love you and want you to love one another”

*John 13: 34-35*

Some people became jealous of Jesus. They made a plan to get rid of him. Jesus knew that whatever happened, God his Father loved him. Mary, Jesus' mother, stood beside the cross of her dying son. Her sister was with her and so was Mary of Magdala, and Mary the wife of Cleopas. Jesus saw his mother and his dear friend John standing beside her.

Jesus said to his mother, “John will now be your son. Take care of him.” Then he said to John “Mary will be your mother now.” When Jesus died, John cared for Mary.

*John 19: 25-27*

Luke's story tells us that Jesus lived in Nazareth with Mary and Joseph and grew up there. He listened to them, learned from them, did all that they showed him which would help him grow in that special 'inside' way. He grew to be the most loving person there ever was. He was loved by his Father in heaven and by everyone around him. When people looked at and listened to Jesus, they knew what goodness, love, care and helpfulness really meant. Lent is a time when the family of Jesus try to live and grow like Jesus.

*Luke 2: 51-52*

## Spring Term Year One

### Topic One Special People

Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple. They wanted to thank God for him. At the Temple, they met an old man called Simeon. He was a good and holy person. He often went to the Temple to pray. When he saw Jesus Simeon took him in his arms and praised God. He said, "This baby will bring light and joy to the world." Mary and Joseph were very surprised by Simeon's words and didn't know what he meant at the time. Simeon blessed them. After that, they met Anna. She was eighty four years old and spent all her time in the Temple praying. She said a thank-you prayer to God for Jesus and told everyone that he would bring happiness to those who loved God. Mary and Joseph took Jesus home to Nazareth where he grew up and learned to praise God.

*Luke 2: 23-40*

Every year Mary and Joseph went to the temple in Jerusalem at special times. When Jesus was twelve years old they went as usual with all their family and friends.

When everyone set off on the journey home, Jesus stayed in Jerusalem but Mary and Joseph didn't know this.

They thought he was with the group.

They had travelled a whole day before they discovered he was missing. So they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. On the third day they found him. On the third day they found him. He was with the teachers in the temple.

He was listening to them, asking questions and giving wise answers. Everyone was amazed.

So were Mary and Joseph. Mary said to him, "My son, we've been so worried about you."

Jesus replied, "Didn't you know I would be in my Father's house?"

They didn't understand his answer. So Jesus went back with them to Nazareth. He was obedient to Mary and Joseph and learned from them as he grew up.

*Luke 2: 41-52*

# Spring Term Year One

## Topic Two Meals

### The Last Supper

The night before he died, Jesus and his friends went to Jerusalem to celebrate a special meal together.

While they were at table, Jesus took some bread blessed it, broke it and shared it out among his friends.

He said, "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in memory of me."

Jesus' friends took the bread and ate it, thinking about Jesus and knowing how much he loved them.

They did not quite understand what he meant, but they began to think about it.

Later Jesus took a cup of wine. He blessed this too and gave it to them.

He said, "Take and drink. This is my blood shed for you."

Jesus' friends drank from the cup, wondering what Jesus meant but glad to be with him.

After they had finished supper, Jesus and his friends went to a garden. He was afraid and prayed to his Father.

Then soldiers came and arrested him.

*Luke 22:19-22*

**Year One: Topic Three**  
**Change**

**“Come back to me with all your heart. Make a new start. Turn to me for I am kind and understanding, loving and gentle. I am always ready to forgive you. I will never change.”**

*Joel 2:13*

**As Jesus and his disciples were getting close to Jerusalem they came to the Mount of Olives. He sent two of his disciples on ahead and told them, “Go into the village over there. You will see a colt tied up, that no one has ridden yet.”**

**They went off and did as Jesus said. Jesus mounted the colt. As he rode along people spread their cloaks on the road. Some cut branches and spread these before him.**

**The people were all shouting, “Hosanna! Praise God! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna! Praise God!”**

*Mark 11: 1-11*

**Jesus was nailed to a cross outside the city walls.**

**There were two others put to death with him, one on his right and the other on his left.**

**When Jesus was dying he said, “Father, forgive them. They do not know what they are doing.”**

**The soldiers played a game of dice to decide who would have his clothes. There was a notice nailed to the cross of Jesus. It said, “This is the King of the Jews.”**

**One of the men on the cross made fun of Jesus saying, “If you are a real king, why don’t you save us all?”**

**The other man told him to be quiet, because Jesus had done nothing wrong. Then he said to Jesus, “Please, remember me. Don’t ever forget me.”**

**Jesus said, “I will remember you today and always.”**

*Luke 23: 33-35, 38-43*

**After the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices to go and anoint the body of Jesus.**

**Very early on Sunday morning, at sunrise, they went to the tomb. On the way they said to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?” (It was a very large stone.)**

**Then they looked up and saw that the stone had already been rolled back.**

**So they entered the tomb, where they saw a young man sitting at the right, wearing a white robe - and they were alarmed.**

**“Don’t be alarmed,” he said. “I know you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He is not here - he has been raised!**

**Look, here is the place where he was placed.**

*Mark 16: 1-6*

**Year Two**  
**Topic One**  
**Books**

At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptised by him.

But John tried to make him change his mind. “I ought to be baptized by you,” John said, “and yet you have come to me!”

But Jesus answered him, “Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires.” So John agreed.

As soon as Jesus was baptised, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and lighting on him.

Then a voice said from heaven, “This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased.”

Based on Matthew 3: 13-17  
(Come and See)

**Year Two**  
**Topic Two**  
**Thanksgiving**

## The Last Supper

The night before he died, Jesus and his friends went to Jerusalem to celebrate a special meal together.

While they were at table, Jesus took some bread, gave thanks to God, broke it and gave it out to his friends.

He said, “Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in memory of me.”

In the same way, Jesus took a cup of wine. He gave thanks, and gave it to them saying, “Take and drink. This is my blood shed for you.”

Based on Luke 22: 19-20  
(Come and See)

**Year Two**  
**Topic Three**  
**Opportunities**

**Palm Sunday**

As Jesus and his disciples were getting close to Jerusalem they came to the Mount of Olives.

He sent two of his disciples on ahead and told them,  
“Go into the village over there. You will see a colt tied up, that no one has ridden yet.”

“Untie it and bring it to me. If anyone asks you what you are doing, tell him “The Master needs it now and will send it back.”

They went off and did as Jesus said. Jesus mounted the colt. As he rode along people spread their cloaks on the road. Some cut branches and spread these before him.

The people were all shouting,

“Hosanna! Praise God! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna! Praise God!”

Based on Mark 11: 1-11  
(God’s Story 2)

**Year Two**  
**Topic Three**  
**Opportunities**

**The Last Supper**

So Jesus rose from the table, took off his outer garment, and tied a towel around his waist.

Then he poured some water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and dry them with the towel around his waist.

He came to Peter, who said to him, 'Are you going to wash my feet, Lord?'

Jesus answered him, 'You do not understand now what I am doing, but later you will'

Peter protested, 'You will never wash my feet!'

'If I do not wash your feet,' Jesus answered, 'you will no longer be my disciple.'

Peter answered, 'Lord, do not wash only my feet, then! Wash my hands and head, too!'

Jesus said, 'It is enough to wash your feet.' After Jesus had washed their feet, he put his outer garment back on and returned to his place at the table.

'Do you understand what I have just done to you?' he asked.

'You call me teacher and Lord, and it is right that you do so, because that is what I am. I, your Lord and teacher, have just washed your feet.

You, then, should wash one another's feet.

I have set an example for you, so that you will do just what I have done for you.'

Based on John 13: 4-15  
(Come and See)



**Year Two**  
**Topic Three**  
**Opportunities**

## Good Friday

The soldiers took Jesus away to the inner part of the palace and called together the rest of the company.

They put a purple robe on Jesus, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him.

Then they began to salute him saying, “Hail King of the Jews!”

They beat him over the head with a stick and spat on him.

They went down on their knees and bowed to him.

When they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple robe and put his own clothes back on him.

Then they led him out to crucify him.

Based on Mark 15: 16-21  
(Come and See)

**Year Two**  
**Topic Three**  
**Opportunities**

**Easter Sunday**

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week,

Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and rolled back the stone and sat on it.

His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow.

The angel said to the women, “Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified.

He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.

Then go quickly and tell his disciples: ‘He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee.

There you will see him.’ Now I have told you.”

So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples.

Suddenly Jesus met them. “Greetings,” he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshipped him.

Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid. Go and tell the others to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

Based on Matthew 28:1-10  
(Come and See)