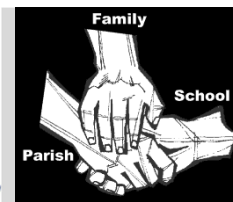


Home-School-Parish Link
Autumn 1 ~ September 2015
BEGINNING WITH GOD



Religious Education

Key Idea: Beginning with God

This first unit invites pupils to consider the most fundamental aspect of faith: belief in God.

Unit Content

Pupils aged 5-7 will be taught Christian belief in one God through learning about Moses and the Burning Bush. They will then explore a variety of images for God drawn from the Old Testament. An introduction to belief in God as Trinity concludes this section. Pupils in this age group will also learn about the Sign of the Cross and be taught the 'Glory Be'.

Pupils aged 7-11 will recall belief in one God and explore more fully the nature of God as Trinity. They then make connections between Scripture and aspects of the Tradition. Pupils in this age group also learn about how belief in the Trinity developed through study of Paul's letters and the Nicene Creed. They too will pray the 'Glory Be'.

Attitudes and Spiritual Dispositions

It is hoped that pupils will develop:

- An appreciation of the nature of God as greater than what we can imagine or know
- A sense of the presence of God in their lives
- Respect for relationships of love received and given

Activities to try at home

You are the first educator of your child in faith. Your child's learning in religious education will be more developed if you and the school are engaged in talking about the same ideas and beliefs. Help your child by trying one or more of these activities while this unit is being taught:

- Become conscious that young children will gain their first understanding of God through observing you! Talk about how you are like God, and different from God and how your child is like and different from God. Take an interest in their school work.
- Talk about people who have helped you come to know God. If appropriate, make a special effort to go to Mass. Look for items in the Church which remind us of the Trinity: Father, Son and Spirit.

An idea for prayer at home



Prayer Activity

Pray the 'Glory Be' before meals and at bedtime.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.