ST JOHN'S
CHURCH OF ENGLAND
PRIMARY SCHOOL

3-4 Year Olds Nursery RE Long Term Planning

Term & Week	Celebrating/Value	Story	Learning Intention	Key Questions	Activities	Vocabulary	Reflection
Autumn 1 Week 1	Love	Good Samaritan	I can help others.	Who helped the hurt man? How can I help others? What does kindness look like?	Act out story; draw helping friends.	help, kind, friend, hurt, love	"I show love by helping."
Autumn 1 Week 2	Love	Good Samaritan	I can talk about kindness.	How can I show kindness? What does it mean to be a good neighbour? When have I helped someone?	Kindness sorting; heart badges.	kindness, caring, neighbour, help, love	"Kindness matters."
Autumn 1 Week 3	Love	Lost Sheep	I know God loves	How did the shepherd	Listen to story;	sheep, lost, found, love,	"God loves me."

			everyone.	feel when the sheep was lost? How did he feel when he found it? Who looks after me?	decorate hearts.	safe	
Autumn 1 Week 4	Love	Lost Sheep	I belong to God's family.	What does it mean to belong? Who is in God's family? How do we show love to others?	Paper chain people.	family, belong, together, love, care	"We are all loved."
Autumn 1 Week 5	Love	Noah's Ark	I can talk about God's creation.	Why did God send the rainbow? What did Noah do to listen to God?	Listen to story; paint rainbows.	rainbow, promise, creation, animals, God	"God made the world."

				What is my favourite part of creation?			
Autumn 1 Week 6	Love	Noah's Ark	I can care for creation.	How can I look after God's world? Why is creation special? How do we care for animals?	Favourite animals; discuss caring.	creation, care, animals, world, love	"I look after God's world."
Autumn 2 Week 1	Christmas	Baby Photos & Jesus' Birth	I know Jesus was born as a baby.	What do babies need? Who looked after baby Jesus? Why are babies special?	Share baby photos; baby cards; draw baby Jesus.	baby, family, love, special, born	"Babies need love."
Autumn 2 Week 2	Christmas	Angel Gabriel Visits Mary	I know Mary was	Who visited Mary?	Watch story; make angels.	angel, Mary, message,	"God chose Mary."

			chosen by God.	What message did the angel bring? How do I feel when someone tells me good news?		special, chosen	
Autumn 2 Week 3	Christmas	Joseph & Feelings About Babies	I can talk about families.	How do families care for babies? How might Mary and Joseph have felt? Who is in my family?	Discuss feelings; draw Holy Family.	family, love, care, feelings, baby	“Families love each other.”
Autumn 2 Week 4	Christmas	Shepherds Hear the Good News	I know shepherds visited Jesus.	Who told the shepherds about Jesus?	Watch story; make sheep.	shepherd, angel, good news, visit, special	“Jesus is special.”

				Why did they want to visit Jesus? What is good news?			
Autumn 2 Week 5	Christmas	Wise Men Bring Gifts	I know Jesus received gifts.	Why did the Wise Men bring gifts? What gift would I give baby Jesus? What makes a gift special?	Role-play gifts; choose gift for Jesus.	gifts, star, journey, special, baby Jesus	“I can give kindness.”
Autumn 2 Week 6	Christmas	Jesus’ Birthday Celebration	I know Christmas celebrates Jesus’ birth	Why do we celebrate birthdays? How do we celebrate Jesus’ birthday? What makes a celebration	Discuss celebrations; make birthday card.	celebrate, birthday, Jesus, happy, special	“I celebrate Jesus.”

				fun?			
Spring 1 Week 1	Faith	David & Goliath	I can talk about what faith means.	What does trust mean? Who trusted God?	Measure wall height; act out story; Goliath target game.	giant, brave, trust, faith	“I can trust God when...”
Spring 1 Week 2	Faith	David & Goliath	I can talk about being brave.	How did David feel? What helps me feel brave?	Pretend to be Philistines; draw story; class prayer.	brave, courage, giant, fear, trust, faith, strength, God	“God helps me when...”
Spring 1 Week 3	Faith	Moses & the Burning Bush	I can talk about listening to God	Who spoke to Moses? What did God ask Moses to do? When do I listen carefully?	Discuss jobs; act out Moses; marble painting	listen, obey, special, message, God	“I can listen carefully.”

Spring 1 Week 4	Faith	Moses & the Burning Bush	I can talk about doing the right thing.	What is the right thing to do? How can I help others? Why is listening important?	Helping/not helping sorting; flame collage.	help, choices, right, wrong, obey	“I can help others.”
Spring 1 Week 5	Faith	Jesus Heals the Blind Man	I can talk about trusting others.	What might it feel like to be blind? Who helps me when I need it? Why did the blind man trust Jesus?	Blindfold trust walk; discuss blindness.	blind, trust, help, friend, careful	“I can trust God.”
Spring 1 Week 6	Faith	Jesus Heals the Blind Man	I can talk about Jesus helping people.	How did Jesus help the blind man? How can I	Act out story; learn song; draw Jesus helping.	miracle, Jesus, see, help, light	“Jesus helps people.”

				help others? What does a miracle mean?			
Spring 2 Week 1	Easter	Easter Symbols	I know Easter has special symbols	What symbols do we see at Easter? What do they remind us of? Why is Easter important?	Explore eggs, bunnies, crosses.	egg, cross, bunny, symbol, Easter	“Symbols help us remember.”
Spring 2 Week 2	Easter	Shrove Tuesday & Lent	I know Lent is a special time.	What is Lent? Why do we make pancakes? What can I try my best at?	Make pancakes.	pancake, Lent, try, share, special	“I can try my best.”
Spring 2	Easter	Palm Sunday	I know people	How did	Make palms; re-enact entry	palm, donkey, welcome,	“I welcome Jesus.”

Week 3			welcomed Jesus.	people welcome Jesus? How do we welcome people today? Why was Jesus special?		Jesus, crowd	
Spring 2 Week 4	Easter	Last Supper	I know Jesus had a special meal.	Who did Jesus eat with? Why are meals special? Who do I like to share meals with?	Discuss meals; colouring.	meal, friends, bread, share, special	“Meals bring people together.”
Spring 2 Week 5	Easter	Jesus Dies on the Cross	I know Jesus died because	Why did Jesus die? How did his	Simple cross craft.	cross, love, sad, Jesus, brave	“Jesus loves me.”

			he loved us	friends feel? What does love mean?			
Spring 2 Week 6	Easter	Jesus Lives!	I know Jesus rose again.	What happened on Easter Sunday? How did Jesus' friends feel? Why is this good news?	"He Lives" decoration.	alive, happy, Jesus, hope, celebrate	"Jesus is alive."
Summer 1 Week 1	Respect	Jonah & the Whale	I can talk about choices.	What choice did Jonah make? What happened when he didn't listen? What choices do I make?	Act out story; whale craft.	whale, Jonah, choices, listen, obey	"I make good choices."

Summer 1 Week 2	Respect	Jonah & the Whale	I can talk about listening to God.	Why is listening important? How can I show respect? Who helps me make good choices?	Sorting choices.	listen, obey, choices, respect, God	“I listen carefully.”
Summer 1 Week 3	Respect	Ten Commandments	I know God gives rules.	Why do we have rules? How do rules help us? Which rule is important to me?	Discuss simplified commandments.	rules, respect, truth, share, kind	“Rules help us.”
Summer 1 Week 4	Respect	Ten Commandments	I can make rules for my class.	What rules help our class? How can I show respect?	Create class commandments.	class rules, respect, kind, safe, fair	“I respect others.”

				How do we keep each other safe?			
Summer 1 Week 5	Respect	Daniel in the Lions' Den	I can talk about being brave.	How did Daniel feel? What helped him be brave? Who helps me feel safe?	Act out story.	lion, brave, pray, trust, safe	"God is with me."
Summer 1 Week 6	Respect	Daniel in the Lions' Den	I can show respect and courage.	What does courage mean? How can I show respect? How can I be brave like Daniel?	Lion mask craft.	courage, respect, brave, trust, God	"I can be brave."
Summer 2 Week 1	Thankfulness	What Is Thankfulness?	I can talk about being	What does thankful	Gratitude tree; draw thankfulness.	thankful, grateful, share, kind,	"I am thankful for..."

			thankful	mean? What am I thankful for? How do I show thankfulness?		blessing	
Summer 2 Week 2	Thankfulness	A Leper Says Thank You - Luke 17: 11-19	I know saying thank you is important.	Why did the man say thank you? How do I feel when someone helps me? Who do I say thank you to?	Act out story; discuss being unwell.	thank you, better, healed, happy, Jesus	“I say thank you.”
Summer 2 Week 3	Thankfulness	Jesus Gives Thanks for Food (Matthew 14: 13-21)	I know God provides for us.	Why do we thank God for food? What meals do I enjoy? Who do I	Favourite meal craft.	food, share, thankful, meal, give	“I thank God for food.”

				share meals with?			
Summer 2 Week 4	Thankfulness	Noah Gives Thanks (Genesis 8 1-22)	I can give thanks to God.	Why was Noah thankful? What would I give to God? How do I show thanks?	Discuss Noah's gratitude; draw gift for God	thanks, gift, God, safe, promise	"I give thanks."
Summer 2 Week 5	Thankfulness	Fall of Jericho Joshua 6 1-20	I can talk about obeying God.	Why did the Israelites obey God? What did the trumpets sound like? When do I trust God?	Act out story; trumpet craft.	wall, trumpet, obey, trust, strong	"I trust God."
Summer 2 Week 6	Thankfulness	Jesus Calms the Storm Mark 4 35-41	I know Jesus keeps us safe.	What is a storm like? How did Jesus help	Paper plate boat; discuss storms.	storm, calm, safe, Jesus, trust	"Jesus helps me feel safe."

				the disciples? What helps me feel safe?			

Progression of 2-3 Year old room to 3-4 year old room

Autumn 1 -
Children move from *simple kindness → understanding love as a value*.

Autumn 2-
Children move from *symbol recognition → story understanding → value connection* (love, celebration).

Spring 1-
Children move from *experiencing* bravery, trust, and listening → to *understanding* and *talking about* these values.

Spring 2 -
Children move from *symbol play → story sequence → simple theological meaning*.

Summer 1-

Children move from *behavioural respect → conceptual respect*.

Summer 2 -

Children move from *thankfulness actions → thankfulness understanding*.