

Religious Education – Topics Covered

P1–P7

Whole-school overview | Scripture Union NI Kids Quest RE Schemes

Foundation Stage

Nursery

Northern Ireland does not have a compulsory or legally mandated religious education scheme for nursery schools.

Primary 1

- **The Bible:** Recognising the Bible as a special book for Christians and exploring Bible stories.
- **Jesus:** Introduction to Jesus, his life and why he is important to Christians.
- **Christmas:** The birth of Jesus and why Christians celebrate Christmas.
- **Easter:** Introduction to the Easter story.
- **Church:** What a church is and why Christians attend.
- **The Natural World:** Appreciating the world around us and caring for creation.
- **Moral Values:** Being kind, thankful, helpful and caring towards others.
- **World Faith:** Christianity (explored during Integrated Education Month).

Primary 2

- **The Bible:** Developing familiarity with Bible stories and their messages.
- **Jesus:** Learning more about Jesus, his teachings and how he treated people.
- **Christian Festivals:** Exploring Christmas and Easter and their importance to Christians.
- **Church:** Understanding worship, prayer and belonging to a church community.
- **The Natural World:** Recognising the importance of the natural world and looking after it.
- **Moral Values:** Friendship, sharing, respect, kindness and making good choices.
- **World Faith:** Christianity (explored during Integrated Education Month).

Key Stage 1

Primary 3

- **The Bible:** Understanding what the Bible contains and why it is important to Christians.
- **Creation:** Exploring the Christian creation story and caring for the environment.
- **The Natural World:** Noah's Flood
- **Jesus' Life:** Learning about Jesus as a child and his early life.

- **Christmas:** Exploring the Christmas story and its meaning. Christmas performance preparation.
- **Jesus' Teachings:** The Lost Sheep and the Wise and Foolish Builders.
- **Festivals:** St. Patrick
- **Church:** Church buildings, belonging to a church family and visiting a church.
- **Sacrament Preparation:** First Confession
- **Easter:** Understanding Jesus' death and resurrection.
- **World Faith:** Hinduism (during Integrated Education Month each March)

Primary 4

- **The Bible:** Exploring what the Bible teaches about God, Jesus and how Christians should live.
- **The Natural World:** Jesus calming the storm.
- **Jesus' Teachings:** The Good Samaritan and the importance of prayer.
- **Jesus' Miracles:** The miraculous catch of fish, healing the paralysed man and the ten lepers.
- **Christian Festivals:** Harvest, St. Patrick, Advent, Lent and Easter traditions. Christmas performance preparation.
- **Sacrament Preparation:** First Holy Communion.
- **Easter:** Jesus entering Jerusalem, washing the disciples' feet and the Last Supper.
- **Moral and Spiritual Values:** Individuality, equality, self-worth, forgiveness and respect for others.
- **World Faith:** Judaism (during Integrated Education Month each March)

Key Stage 2

Primary 5

- **The Bible:** Why the Bible is important to Christians and understanding its central message.
- **Jesus:** Exploring Jesus' teachings, his final days, death and resurrection.
- **Church:** Prayer, worship, the Lord's Prayer and belonging to a Christian community.
- **Christian Festivals:** Harvest, Advent, Christmas and the meaning of the Christmas story.
- **The Natural World:** Exploring creation and appreciating the world.
- **Moral and Spiritual Values:** Recognising personal talents, making choices, understanding self-worth and helping others.
- **World Faith Focus:** Buddhism - Primary 5 will be learning about Buddhism, exploring the life of the Buddha and the key beliefs and values of the Buddhist faith.

Primary 6

- **The Bible:** Exploring different types of writing in the Bible and learning how to find and use Bible passages.
- **Jesus' Life:** Jesus as a child, his baptism and choosing his disciples.
- **Jesus' Teachings:** Loving others, forgiveness, kindness and the importance of following Jesus.
- **Jesus' Miracles:** Exploring how Jesus helped and healed people.
- **Church History:** The early Christian Church, the apostles, Paul and the spread of Christianity.

- **Christian Festivals:** Christmas and Lent.
- **The Natural World:** Human responsibility for creation and caring for the environment.
- **Moral and Spiritual Values:** Friendship, peace, respect, cooperation and resolving conflict.
- **World Faith:** Islam (during Integrated Education Month each March)

Primary 7

- **The Bible:** Understanding the structure of the Bible, its books, chapters, verses and key messages.
- **Jesus' Teachings:** The Beatitudes, parables, forgiveness and Christian beliefs about Jesus.
- **Church:** The beginnings of the Christian Church, Pentecost, the work of the apostles and Christian beliefs and practices.
- **Christian Festivals:** Exploring the significance of Christmas and Easter, including the events of Holy Week.
- **The Natural World:** Christian beliefs about creation, human responsibility and environmental care.
- **Moral and Spiritual Values:** Respect, responsibility, courage, perseverance, faith, service and making positive choices.
- **Transition:** Reflecting on personal strengths, choices, friendships and preparing for the move to post-primary school.
- **World Religions Summary:** An overview of the main religions covered in the school. E.g. Christianity, Sikhism, Hinduism and Islam (During Integrated Education Month).