



- ◆ Growth in awareness and understanding of a loving God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Children will begin to reflect on the way in which Jesus invites us to live and the ways in which they can respond.
- ◆ Opportunities to visit the local Catholic Church and to develop an understanding of the significance of the parts of the Church, and the role of the priest and other parish pastoral workers.

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Ideas for Families

Consider sourcing some of the following for your home:

Being a Parent Today (ed. Fr. Stephen Wang)
Catholic Truth Society (£2.50)
A wonderful booklet to help with all aspects of parenting with particular reference to Faith formation. Very highly recommended, www.cts-online.org.uk

Children's Bibles (Age 4-8)

- * Lions Storyteller Bible (Hartmann & Nagi)
Lovely to read to your child and beautifully Illustrated.
 - * Age 8-10. The Lion Bible for Children (Murray Watts & Helen Cann)
 - * Age 10+. Children's Bible (New Revised Standard Version) (Abingdon Press)
- Lions Graphic Bible (Jeff Anderson) This is appealing to young readers as it is in comic format.

Holy Water, Rosary beads, family cross, simple images or statues of Our Lady or favourite saints. See: www.pauline-uk.org
www.veritasbooksonline.com

Research interesting places to visit and plan some family or parish outing—Carfin, Schoenstaar, Lindisfarne, Nunraw etc. Why not join with other families to do this?

Work together to establish a parish youth group for children aged 10+

Liaise with the staff of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Resources Office to discover what is on offer for you as an adult, email Patricia Carroll (patricia.carroll@staned.org.uk)

Perhaps you would like your own copy of *This is Our Faith*. This can be purchased online at www.sces.uk.com, cost £20.00



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General Themes & Approaches

P1/2

Structure of the Syllabus

The content of the “This is Our Faith” syllabus is subdivided into 8 sections called “strands of Faith”. Each ‘strand’ is present in each year and offers our young people a comprehensive overview of the Catholic Christian Faith. Like all other subject areas, you will see the Outcomes & Experiences that describe the learning. Religious Education invites the child to grow in knowledge, understanding and faith and/or appreciation of faith. From P3 onwards the pupils are led gradually in an understanding of other world religions and Christian denominations, which will deepen and evolve as the child grows and matures. In a Catholic School the opportunities provided in Religious Education will also permeate throughout the day. Such opportunities will promote genuine human growth not only for Catholic pupils, but for those of other Christian denominations, other faiths, or stances of living independent of religious belief.



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8 Strands of Faith

◇ **Son of God**



◇ **In the Image of God**

◇ **Revealed Truth of God**



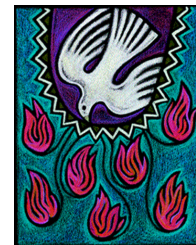
◇ **Hours of God**

◇ **Signs of God**

◇ **Mystery of God**

◇ **Word of God**

◇ **Reign of God**



My child is in P1/2. What will they learn in Religious Education Classes in these 2 years?

- ◇ Pupils will be invited to reflect on their uniqueness as children formed in the “Image of God” and to develop a consequent respect for the dignity of all people especially those in their immediate family, school and parish environment .
- ◇ They will learn to appreciate Gods presence in the Beauty of Creation throughout each season.
- ◇ Children will also develop a familiarity with the Liturgical seasons—Advent, Christmas, Lent and Eastertide.
- ◇ Familiarity with some prescribed Scripture Narratives from both Old and New Testament will also be attained. Children will focus on God’s message for them in the passage.
- ◇ Ability to pray using the traditional prayers of the Church (see prayer grid). Children will also begin to learn how to pray silently and aloud, using their own words. They will have opportunities to pray as part of the class, wider school community, home and local faith communities.