BRANCH 3

Galilee to Jerusalem

In this branch, children explore how Jesus travelled to Jerusalem, where He taught, welcomed everyone and showed God's love in His words and actions.

What will children learn?

HEAR

We listen to stories from the Bible.

We hear about Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and how He welcomed everyone.

Scripture the children hear:

- Jesus enters Jerusalem – Matthew 21:1-11
- The Cleansing of the Temple – John 2:13-17
- Jesus and the children – Mark 10:13-16
- The Good Samaritan – Luke 10:25-37

We will think about how these stories show us who Jesus is.

BELIEVE

We learn what the Church teaches.

- Jesus came to show God's love to everyone.
- He welcomed and cared for all people.
- Jesus taught us how to love God and love others.
- The Church follows Jesus' example.

We will think about how this helps us in our lives today.

CELEBRATE

We celebrate our faith.

- We take part in special celebrations that remind us of Jesus' love.
- Palm Sunday and Holy Week
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Eucharist – Jesus' gift to us
- Prayers of thanks and praise

We will think about how these celebrations help us grow closer to Jesus.

LIVE

We try to live like Jesus every day.

- We show kindness and include others.
- We help people who are in need.
- We look after God's world.
- We try to make good choices in our words and actions.

We will think about how we can be more like Jesus in the world.

Through Galilee to Jerusalem, we grow in faith, hope and love.

Our Learning Journey Through the School

As children grow, their understanding deepens.
Here is what your child will learn at each stage of their journey.

EYFS

Learning about Jesus in Jerusalem

- We hear how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey.
- We learn that people welcomed Him with palms and joy.
- We hear how Jesus cared for and blessed the children.
- We learn that Jesus loves everyone.

Key question
Why did the people welcome Jesus into Jerusalem?

Home connection
Share the Palm Sunday story and talk about welcoming Jesus.

YEARS 1–2

Jesus in Jerusalem

- We learn about Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and what it meant.
- We hear how Jesus cleansed the Temple because it should be a place of prayer.
- We learn about the Good Samaritan and that Jesus wants us to love our neighbour.
- We learn that Jesus welcomed and loved everyone.

Key question
How does Jesus show us how to love others?

Home connection
Talk about ways your family can show love and kindness this week.

YEARS 3–4

Following Jesus to Jerusalem

- We explore why Jesus went to Jerusalem and what He came to do.
- We learn about His teachings and how He challenges us to live differently.
- We study the Good Samaritan in depth and what it means to be a neighbour.
- We learn how we can follow Jesus' example of love and service.

Key question
What does it mean to be a neighbour to others today?

Home connection
Think of someone in need and plan a way to help as a family.

YEARS 5–6

The Journey of Love

- We explore the events leading up to Holy Week and Jesus' mission in Jerusalem.
- We examine the cleansing of the Temple and what it teaches us about justice and prayer.
- We reflect on the Good Samaritan and Catholic Social Teaching: Dignity of the Human Person and Preferential Option for the Poor.
- We consider how we are called to continue Jesus' mission in the world today.

Key question
How can we continue Jesus' mission of love and justice today?

Home connection
Pray together and look for opportunities to serve others this week.

Key words children will explore

Jerusalem | Entry | Temple | Neighbour | Eucharist | Love

Our prayer

Thank you, Jesus, for showing us God's love in Jerusalem and always. Help us to love like you and care for others every day. Amen.