BRANCH 6

Dialogue & Encounter

In this branch, children learn how we can be friends of Jesus and meet Him in others. We listen to stories from the Bible and from different faiths. We discover that people have many beautiful ways of loving God and each other. We learn to listen, respect and work together for the common good.

What will children learn?

HEAR

We listen to stories from the Bible.

- We hear stories about Jesus and His friends, St Peter and St Paul.
- We hear Bible stories about love, promises and new life.
- We listen to the words of the Bible and think about what they mean.
- We discover that God speaks to His people in many ways.
- We listen to stories from different faiths.

We will think about what the stories teach us about love, faith and how to live well together.

BELIEVE

We learn what the Church teaches.

- The Church is the family of God.
- God calls us to love and serve others.
- Jesus teaches us to be kind and help those in need.
- We learn about the faith of others and respect their beliefs.
- We learn that we are all children of God.

We will think about how God loves every person and calls us to live as good friends.

CELEBRATE

We celebrate our faith.

- We pray and worship together in many ways.
- We learn about special celebrations in different faith communities.
- We care for God's world and thank Him for it.
- We celebrate the Eucharist as a sign of God's love.

We will think about how we celebrate and thank God in our lives.

LIVE

We try to live like Jesus every day.

- We listen to others and show respect.
- We help people in our school and our community.
- We work together to make the world a better place.
- We care for those who are different from us.

We will think about how we can be peacemakers and build God's kingdom together.

We listen, respect and love one another.
Together we build God's kingdom here on earth.

★ Our Learning Journey: Dialogue & Encounter ★

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

EYFS

Friends of Jesus

- We hear about St Peter and St Paul, friends of Jesus.
- We listen to stories and songs about their lives.
- We meet people from our parish and ask about their faith.
- We look at pictures of Jesus from different cultures.

Key question
Who are Jesus' friends?

Home connection
Talk to someone in your parish and thank God for them.

YEARS 1–2

Listening to God's Word and to Others

- We hear about prophets and their messages.
- We learn about God's promises in the Old Testament.
- We hear the story of the Good Samaritan.
- We learn about our local Christian community.
- We learn about Jewish faith, the Sabbath and the synagogue.

Key question
How do we listen to God and help others?

Home connection
Look for ways to help and show love in your family and community.

YEARS 3–4

Sharing Faith and Living Promises

- We learn how Jesus fulfilled promises.
- We hear about the Jewish festival of Passover.
- We learn how the Eucharist is linked to Passover.
- We learn about Islam and how Muslims live their faith.
- We learn about different Christian traditions.
- We learn how Christians work together for the common good.

Key question
How do our faiths help us live and work together?

Home connection
Learn about another faith in your community and show respect.

YEARS 5–6

Dialogue, Respect and the Common Good

- We learn that the Bible was written by many people inspired by the Holy Spirit.
- We learn about Jewish beliefs and the Torah.
- We learn more about Islam and the five pillars.
- We learn about the dignity of every human person.
- We learn how people of different faiths work together for the common good.

Key question
How can we build a better world together?

Home connection
Find ways to care for others and the world as a family.

Key words children will explore

Friendship · Respect · Community · Faith · Bible · Judaism · Islam · Common Good

Our prayer

Dear God, help us to listen with open hearts, to respect others and to work together for Your kingdom. Amen.