

Year 4 Focus Areas

Focus 1: *How do the different stories and texts in the Old Testament help us understand God?*

The books of the Old Testament contain a variety of text types including historical narratives and sacred myths. Understanding of text types in the Old Testament helps a reader to better understand God's word. The Bible's referencing system helps us to locate books, people, places in the bible. **(7 weeks)**

Mandated Scripture: First Creation Story Genesis 1

Supplementary Scripture: Joseph sold into Egypt Genesis 37

STOT7, STOT8

Focus 2: *How do the stories of the New Testament help us to understand who Jesus is?*

The books of the New Testament contain a variety of text types such as parables, miracle stories and narratives. Understanding the text types in the New Testament, as well as the world behind the text and world of the text, helps a reader better understand God's word. The Bible's referencing system helps us to locate books, people, places in the bible. **(7 weeks)**

Mandated scripture: The Good Samaritan

Supplementary scripture: two blind men at Jericho

STNT9, STNT10, STNT11, BEWR5

Focus 3: *How do Christians explain what God is like?*

They recognise the Christian understanding of Trinity as seen in scripture passages that recount the actions of God the father, Jesus the Son and the Holy Spirit. **(2 weeks)**

Mandated Scripture: Jesus is baptized by John

Supplementary Scripture: Father, Son and Holy Spirit 2 Corinthians

BETR6, STNT9

Focus 4: *What does it mean to be community?*

The significance of community for Christians and ideas about living in community through exploration of Decalogue and wisdom of St Paul. Early Church communities in Australia and contemporary Church communities. Stewardship of Creation. Practices and characteristics of contemporary parishes and dioceses. **(7 weeks)**

Mandated Scripture: Decalogue, life among the believers Acts 2

Supplementary Scripture: letters of St Paul, St Paul's ideas about living in community

STCW5, BEHE4, CHCH3, CLMF8, CLMJ5

Focus 5: *How do we live in community?*

Free choice and actions within the community. How are the messages and actions of Jesus lived in the church community today? Sacraments of Anointing of the sick and Penance. Creating prayers of blessings, petition and intercession and understanding their significance for Christian communities. **(7 weeks)**

Mandated Scripture: Giving sight a blind man, Psalm 148

Supplementary Scripture: cleansing a leper, ten lepers

CHLS5, CHLS6, CHPG5, CLMF7, CLPS10, CLPS11

Ongoing: Meditative prayer CLPS12