

Central Theme for Year 4: How do we live in community?

What does it mean to be community?

Students investigate the significance of community for Christians and ideas about living in community through the exploration of Decalogue and the wisdom of St Paul. What rules do communities need and what rules do Christians use?

How does our community remember the stories of Jesus during the season of Easter?

Students identify a variety of books and text types in the New Testament and explain how a reader uses this knowledge to better understand God's Word during the Easter season.

How can the parables challenge us in our community today?

Students investigate parables using the framework of the three worlds of the text. Students apply their knowledge of first century Judaism, the world behind the text, to the parable of the Good Samaritan to demonstrate an understanding of scripture. Students apply their knowledge to the community today.

How can the Trinity help us to understand community?

Students explore the idea of community and relationship through the Christian belief of the Trinity and investigate connections to the concept in the scriptures.

How did Catholics in Australia's past create community?

Students explore the challenges of creating community and living in community through an investigation of the first Catholics who settled in Australia (c.1788 CE - c.1850 CE).

How can the Old Testament help us to understand what God was like for communities?

Students explore books of the Old Testament that contain a variety of text types including historical narratives and sacred myths. They develop an understanding of text types in order to better understand God's word. Students explore the world in front of the text and the concept of stewardship in the world today.

How can relationships be healed in our community?

Students examine how free choices result in actions that effect individuals and their community. They identify how messages and actions of Jesus are lived in the church community today. Students broaden their understanding of Sacraments of Anointing of the Sick and Penance. They examine prayers of blessings, petition and intercession and appreciate their significance for Christian communities.

How can reading the Gospel stories of Jesus' birth help us to better understand God's Word?

Students identify a variety of books and text types in the New Testament and explain how a reader uses this knowledge to better understand God's Word during Advent and Christmas.