

CONTINUOUS UNIT — THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

ABOUT THE UNIT

The unit will develop the children's knowledge experience of the Bible and Mary being the mother of Jesus.

WHERE THE UNIT FITS IN

The unit fits into many of the Nursery Topics.

PRIOR LEARNING

It would be helpful if the children had some experience of:

- hearing stories and talking about them
- recognising important people in their lives.

SKILLS

Listening, joining in discussion.

VOCABULARY

Bible, book, special, Mary, mother, Jesus.

ASSESSMENT

At the end of this unit:

Most children will know that Mary is the mother of Jesus who loved and cared for him. Be able to recall one special story from the Bible, God's special book.

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A.T.2

A.T.1

Less able children will know that Mary was Jesus' mother. Know that the Bible is a special book.

More able children will be able to recall some things Mary would have done for Jesus. Be able to recall some special stories from the Bible, God's Book.

PROGRAMME OF STUDY	TEACHING STRATEGIES
	 Throughout the year there are numerous opportunities to reinforce the Programmes of Study covered and also to incorporate the Programmes of Study and the Learning Outcomes identified in this continuous unit. It may be particularly appropriate to cover the theme of Jesus the Healer when talking about illness or identifying the roles of members of the medical profession.
Ch2 The role of Mary and her 'Yes' to God's Word.	 During the year introduce and remind the children that Mary is the Mother of Jesus. Show the children pictures, statues and other images of Mary. Children to reflect on Mary being very important to Jesus. Think about the things they might want to ask her if they could. Learn a simple prayer to Mary.
R5 Hear in Scriptures the praise of God in creation and the story of creation as God's work.	 Throughout the year remind the children that the Bible is God's special book. Share some Old Testament stories with the children such as the story of Noah to reinforce the idea of God caring for his people.
	 Children to hear and role-play a story of Jesus caring for somebody who was ill. Create some thank you prayers as part of a liturgy to Jesus for being loving and kind.

LEARNING OUTCOMES FURTHER DEVELOPMENT To take opportunities to incorporate R.E. across subject/experience boundaries. Ch2 Come to know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus. • Know that Mary is the Mother of Jesus and that she loved and cared for him. • Be able to join in a simple prayer to Our Lady. **R5** Know that the Bible is God's book. • Hear and recognise that the Bible is God's special book full of stories about the life of Jesus and his friends. • Will hear and be able to recall parts of a few stories from the Old Testament. • Hear the story of Jesus healing somebody who was sick and recognise the love and tenderness he shared. • Be able to recognise pictures of Jesus in books, posters and artefacts.

RELATED SCRIPTURE

Genesis 6-10 - The Story of Noah and the Flood

Lk. 1: 2-20 - The Birth of Jesus

Mk. 2: 1-12 - Jesus Heals the Man who can't Walk

OTHER LINKS

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

 Use the Bible during prayer time. Remind the children this is God's special book and we must listen carefully to the readings.

EVALUATION

What went well?

Which areas of planning need to be developed/adapted next time?

What needs to be revisited/developed in a later unit?