**Religious Education**
**Topic Outline**
**Grade 1**
**Term 2, 2015**

**UNITS:**
- **New Life (Easter)** – At Easter, Jesus' life changed. There is a pattern to life: we are born, we grow, we die and we have New Life with Jesus.
- **Mary/Cana** – Mary, Jesus’ mother, was Joseph’s wife. At Cana, Mary showed that she was kind and knew what people needed. Mary knows what we need.
- **Holy Spirit** – The Holy Spirit gives us peace, joy, love and goodness to be like Jesus.
- **Eucharist/The Mass**: At Mass, we use special things when we give thanks. Eucharist means ‘Thanksgiving’. At Mass we give thanks to God.
- **Sacred Heart** – The Sacred Heart of Jesus, tells us about Jesus’ love for us.

**Assessment: Mary/Cana**

**Main Idea:** Mary, Jesus’ mother, was Joseph’s wife. At Cana, Mary showed that she was kind and knew what people needed. Mary knows what we need.

**During this unit the children will:**
- Develop their knowledge about Mary the mother of Jesus.
- Develop a devotion to Mary so that they recognise that Mary is their mother too.
- Understand the part that Mary played in the story of Cana.

**Things your child will learn:**
- All mothers are a gift from God. Mary is Jesus’ Mother.
- Mary lived in a town called Nazareth. Her mother was Anne and her father was Joachim.
- God chose Mary to be Jesus’ mother. Mary said ‘Yes’.
- Mary was Joseph’s wife and they lived together with Jesus as a family. We call them the Holy Family.
- Mary was a loving mother to Jesus. She was always there to help him.
- At the Wedding at Cana, Mary showed was kind and knew what people needed. Mary knows what we need.
- Mary loves us and we can pray to Mary each day. We can pray the ‘Hail Mary’.

**Things your child will do to show what they have learnt:**
- Answer true and false statements about the facts of Mary’s life.
- Describe the role that Mary played during the Wedding at Cana.
- Identify and compare the similarities between their own mother and Mary the mother of Jesus. (caring, helping when sick etc.)
- Draw and write about how Mary cares for and helps us.